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Race to checkered flag continues

Proposed race tracks coming to Crawford County may not be over

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The possibility of a huge race track complex being built in Crawford County may not be over.

Phil Parmalee, the lead promoter for the project, has not given up on Crawford County being home to his racing facility. This after an earlier decision to pass on the area after presenting his concept to the Crawford County Board of Commissioners.

At the meeting, a portion of the commissioners told Parmalee that they believed their district would not be interested and another portion of the commissioners said their district would be willing to consider it, but they needed more details.

"With the way we were dismissed," Parmalee said, "we will have to see what happens. We wouldn't have come up here (Crawford County) if we didn't think a track in the county wasn't viable."

According to Parmalee, he has been contacted by several county residents who were not happy with the commissioner's actions at the Feb. 4 county board meeting.

In fact, one of the residents who contacted Parmalee has requested and received permission to be placed on the Feb. 18 county board meeting agenda.

John Schneider, a Crawford County resident, is a part of the agenda to discuss his feelings about the race track project. He said this project should be considered by the commissioners.

should talk with and get the land from the DNR first."

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— Phil Parmalee,
Leader of proposed
race track project

"We are not real estate brokers and are not in the real estate business," Bretzke said.

The Parmalee Edges Project was originally presented to Kalkaska County, but the deal fell through due to lack of community support and the inability of a purchase of the state land needed.

An in-depth written proposal for the project was provided to Kalkaska County. That race track facility would have been called Kalkaska International Speedways.

Although the time for a specific Crawford County proposal has not occurred, Parmalee said the plans for Kalkaska County are basically the same as what would occur in Crawford County.

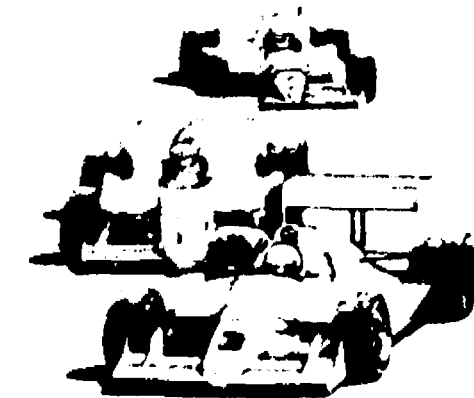
According to the Kalkaska plan, the main structure of the race facility would be 1,320-feet long with a tower at one end. There would be seating for 78,500 people per side with stadium-like tunnel entrances.

The proposal states that inside a portion of the building there would be concessions, a food court, a family style restaurant, restrooms, arcades, a quiet room and merchandise areas. Condominiums also were planned for the project which would overlook the race tracks.

The proposed project was to include a set of signature race tracks designed, endorsed and built under the direction of one of racing's most famous figures. The name of the famous racing person was not given. The tracks include two oval race tracks, a dragstrip and a 3.5 mile designer road course.

Parmalee projected at the Feb. 4 meeting that the facility would produce 300 permanent jobs, plus an additional 2,000 jobs of summer employment.

Although a specific location in Crawford County hasn't been officially proposed, Bretzke said it has been commented that it would be built in the Frederic area.



County Board Chairman Bruce Bretzke said there has been a lot of discussion among county residents and some county commissioners regarding this proposed race track facility.

Bretzke pointed out that the county commissioners do not make the final decision regarding this matter. If Parmalee purchases the land and wants to build the facility, the county board can not stop him, Bretzke added.

"As chairman of the county board, it is not up to us," Bretzke said of the project. "I don't own the 1,400 acres or whatever is needed. It seems they



Legal opinion issued in county prosecutor matter

Huss can keep private practice, but his salary reduced to \$42,000

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

According to the legal opinion provided by a Grayling attorney, the county board can not force the county prosecutor, John Huss, to give up his private law practice, but the commissioners can reduce his salary back to a previous rate in this case.

The opinion was given by William Carey, of Carey & Associates, at the request of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners. The opinion was discussed at the Feb. 4 county board meeting.

The controversy surrounded around a board resolution, #96-0123, which was approved by a unanimous vote by the county commissioners at their Jan. 23 meeting. This resolution established the prosecutor's office as a full-time position with no private practice. In a separate motion, the board established the prosecutor's salary at \$50,000 per year. Both motions became effective Jan. 1, 1997.

The board passed a resolution at the Feb. 4 meeting stating, "Resolution 96-0123 be dissolved and declared null and void as exceeding the lawful authority of this board; and this board reaffirm the salary of the prosecuting attorney for Crawford County at the per annum rate of \$42,000."

The motion was passed by a 4-2 vote, with Commissioner John Hartman and Commissioner Kathy Black voting against the resolution.

The constitution precludes the board from setting prosecuting attorney hours and making him or her give up the private practice. According to Carey, the prosecutor's position is set by the Michigan Constitution, not by a statute. "You don't have the authority, unilaterally, to preclude the prosecutor from a private practice," Carey told the commissioners.

Upon hearing and reading the opinion from Carey, Commissioner Robert Smock asked how the board could make the position full time. He said making the prosecutor's position a full-time job was the intent of the commissioners and the county residents.

Carey answered Smock's question by saying that the board and prosecutor would have to come to a mutual agreement or contract to make the position full time.

Smock said he could not understand that this situation had not come up before in another county, and the reasoning behind the constitution not allowing for the county, which pays the prosecutor's salary, to set the prosecutor's hours.

"This is a problem right now, here in Crawford County," Smock said. "But this is a problem for the State of Michigan."

This issue of setting hours is something that needs to be addressed by the courts and the legislature, Smock said.

Hartman, who voted against the motion, said he took a little bit of exception to the concept, because of the part reducing the prosecutor's salary. He called the issue a two-part item, with the salary separate from the full-time issue.

According to Carey's opinion, a board may not decrease the salary of the prosecuting attorney during his term of office. Carey did go on to state in his opinion that in this case, it appears

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— William Carey,
Grayling attorney

the intent of the board was to raise the salary to \$50,000 based upon the agreement not to engage in a private practice.

"It is my opinion that if the prosecutor refuses to give up his private practice, his salary may be reduced to its pre-1997 level (\$42,000)," Carey's legal opinion stated.

Hartman disagreed, stating the two items to be separate issues.

"We are supposed to set wages and we did," Hartman said. "If we reduce to \$42,000 then we are doing something against the law."

Huss did not wish to comment on the situation at this time.

Schools to make up snow days

by Lisa Hofman
Staff Reporter

When school started one week later than planned and school was cancelled due to inclement weather those missed days will have to be made up.

Three days from the beginning of school had to be made up. One day was made up Nov. 4 when school stayed open even though it was originally scheduled to be closed.

The second day will be made up when the mid-winter break is shortened. Students originally scheduled to have vacation Feb. 14 and Feb. 17 will now only have Feb. 17 off.

The third day will be made up June 12. June 11 was originally scheduled to be the last day of school.

Of the three snow days taken by the district only one must be made up. June 13 will now be the last day of school to make up for the snow day.

If more snow days are taken, the make up days will be added on to the end of school in June. Spring break (March 28-April 8) will not be affected to make up days because it is in the contract with the teacher's union.

School transport under review by officials

by Lisa Hofman
Staff Reporter

Individuals brought concerns with the transportation system of the Crawford AuSable Schools to the Board of Education at Monday's meeting.

Eugene Restainer, representing Lindsey Argue, brought forth the concern of a preschool-aged child being dropped off at a home with no adult present.

According to Argue, she made numerous telephone calls to insure that her daughter was dropped off at a babysitter's house because she was not going to be home.

"This has happened twice to my family in five years," Restainer said. "I want to know if there is going to be any disciplinary action."

"I made phone calls and no one knew where she was," said Tina Nelson, the girls licensed babysitter.

Superintendent Kent Reynolds met with Argue and her representative on Monday. "We have some actions to complete the investigation," Reynolds said.

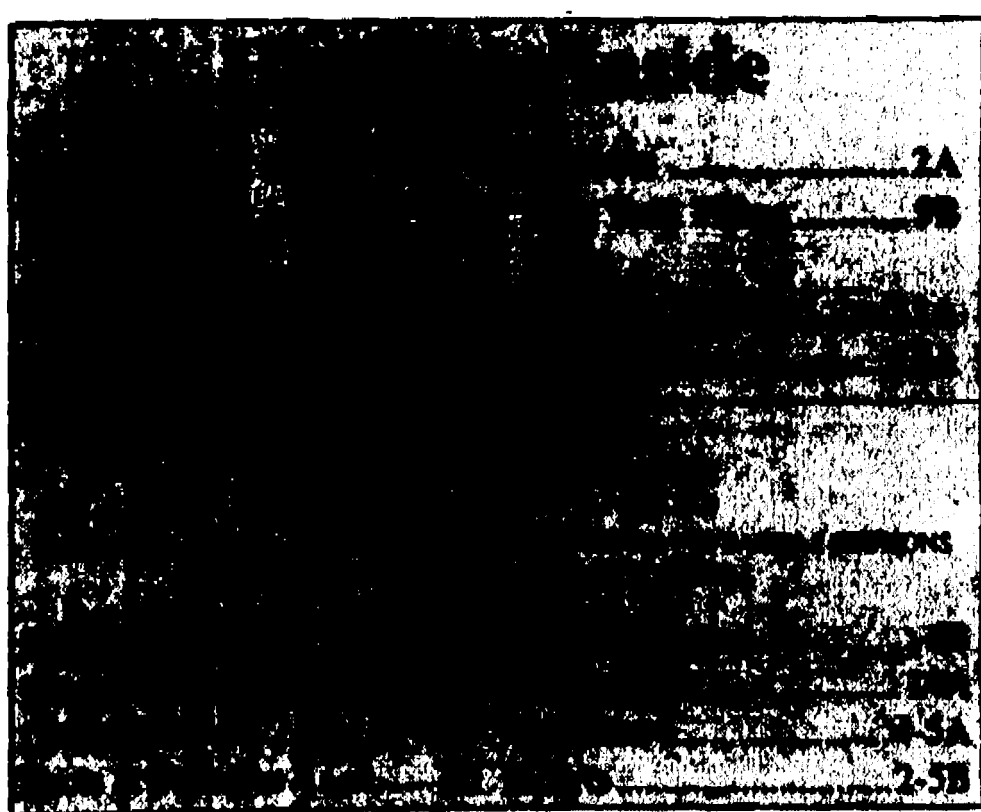
According to Reynolds, letters were sent home with every preschool-age child explaining that children will not be dropped off without seeing an adult. If no adult is seen a phone call will be made to the home using a cellular phone. If no one answers, then the child will be returned to school.

Another concern was brought up by a Lovells parent. She explained that her eight-year-old daughter must ride a bus from Lovells to Frederic where she attends school.

According to the woman's daughter, there is no discipline on the bus, students swear, urinate and engage in sexual acts.

The woman has asked if she could ride the bus to give the bus driver an extra set of eyes, but due to liability she was denied.

Reynolds has promised to look into the situation and report back to the concerned parent.



COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

ADD/ADHD to be discussed at GMS

Dr. Gay from Mercy Hospital will discuss ADD and ADHD from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Grayling Middle School conference room on Feb. 18. To learn more about the program call 348-7641, ext. 527 or 528.

Alma named to NMC dean's list

Ty Alma of Crawford County has been named to the dean's list for the fall 1996 semester at Northwestern Michigan College.

Business after hours to honor Meyers

A Business after Hours program on Feb. 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn will honor Nancy and Jerry Meyers. A cash bar will be available and donations for the program will be accepted at the door. To be placed on the agenda call Judy Craft at 348-8471. For reservations call 348-2921.

Community sale preparations underway

Workers are busily preparing for the community garage sale scheduled for Feb. 22-23 at Hanson Hills. Call 517-275-8273 for a reservation to sell. If nothing to sell than plan to buy.

Lions Club drawing winner announced

The winner of the Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle drawing No. 11 was George Maty of Grayling. He won \$100.

Navy reunions to be held

Navy reunions for former crew members of the U.S.S. Niagara Falls (AFS-3) and U.S.S. Sylvania (AKA-44 and AFS-2), including air detachments, is being planned. U.S.S. Niagara Falls shipmates should supply all names and addresses to Phil Davidson, 1000 Fountain Terrace #206, Lewiston, MT 59457 (406-538-9517). The U.S.S. Sylvania will be held June 17 and 18 at the Mountain Laurel Resort, Whitehaven, Penn. Shipmates should supply all names and addresses to John D. Pierce, 6631 Holloway Lane, Lansing, MI 48917.

Guilty plea entered in Roscommon

by Lisa Hoffman
Staff Reporter

On Jan. 21, in Roscommon County Circuit Court, three Crawford County men pled guilty to a variety of Breaking and Entering (building), MDOP over \$100, Breaking and Entering (building), Possession of a Financial Transaction Device and MDOP over \$100.

Ledeza was charged with Breaking and Entering (building), MDOP over \$100, Breaking and Entering (building), Breaking and Entering (motor vehicle), Breaking and Entering (building) and MDOP over \$100.

Wood was charged with Breaking and Entering, MDOP over \$100, MDOP over \$100, Breaking and Entering and MDOP under \$100. All three will be sentenced Feb. 18.

Crawford County Sheriff Department



The Sheriff's Department of Crawford County dealt with the following 121 incidents from Feb. 3 through Feb. 10:

Assault (3), Burglary (97), Larceny (7), Property Damage (2), Family Child (1), Obstruction of Justice (1), Public Peace (15), Hit and Run Accident (1);

OUIL/OUID (3), Citations (2), Health and Safety (1), Conservation (1), Minors (1), Insane (1), Accidents (14), Non-traffic Accident (2), Parking Violation (1), TrafSafPR (6), Snowmobile (9), False Alarm (3), Hazardous Condition (2), InspVeh (1), Civil/FT (8), Suspicious Situation (5), Lost/Found Property (1), and General Non-Criminal (23).

Beware; money scam comes to county

Area residents — especially those involved with motels, banks or other similar businesses — should beware of a national money-taking scam which has hit Crawford County.

David Sabin, Crawford County assistant prosecutor and local motel owner, received a letter from Dr. Chris Albert. This individual claimed to be an accountant with the Federal Ministry of Transport, Lagos, Nigeria.

Upon receiving the letter and recognizing the possibility of it being a scam, Sabin contacted the Michigan State Police and Attorney General's office.

"They play upon people's greed and then take people's money," said Chris DeWitt, director of communications for the attorney general.

The request in the letter is to transfer the sum of \$35 million out of Nigeria to the United States.

As civil servants they can't operate a foreign account because the code of conduct act in Nigeria makes it an offense for any public officer to operate a foreign account, the letter reads. As a result, the scam asks that they solicit a person's assistance to make use of

his/her private or company's bank account to transfer the money.

"They get your bank account number and start draining your account," Sabin said. "I was told to contact other motels, banks and other places in the area in case the scam has made its way here."

On going attempts to stop the scam are difficult, DeWitt said. The investigation is being handled by federal authorities.

This whole idea is on the shady side, DeWitt said. If anyone receives anything like this from Nigeria, they should contact law enforcement personnel or the criminal division of the attorney general's office.

Attorney General Frank Kelley advises that anything that looks too good to be true probably is.

According to the attorney general's office, persons have been sucked in to the situation because of the very attractive rewards offered by participating.

The letter reads that a person that helped out would be entitled to 30 percent of the \$35 million.

Anyone with any information about the situation is asked to contact the attorney general's office.

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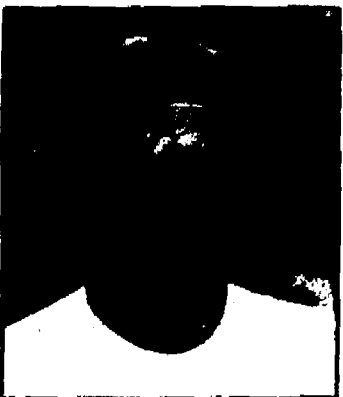
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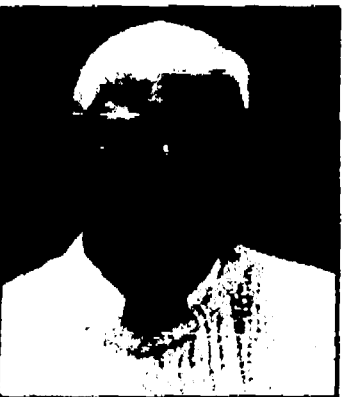
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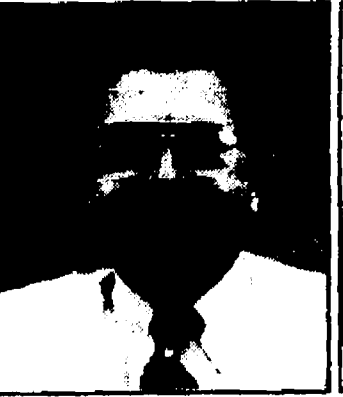
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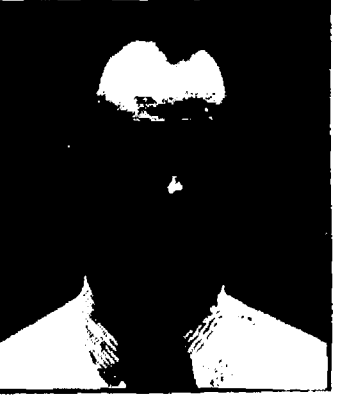
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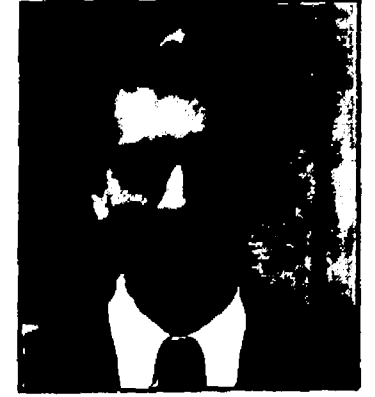
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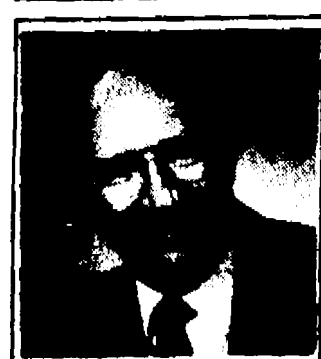
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

Richard Milliman

'Tis the season to offer plans

AMERICAN CITIZENS are being swamped with words, programs and figures.

It's the season for government leaders to report on how their jurisdictions are doing, and what they plan for the future.

We've watched and read about President Clinton's Inaugural Address, then his State of the Union Message, and most recently his budget proposals.

In Michigan, we heard Gov. John Engler deliver his State of the State Message, and present his state budget ideas.

Many mayors put forth State of the City messages; some county and township leaders deliver "state of" messages, too. There also are words about how schools and universities are doing.

And always, there are the inevitable budgets.

Unless we pay close attention, we could get a bit confused.

But they're all important, and it's important, too, that citizens be aware of what their leaders have in mind.

RANDOM THOUGHTS — Here are some musings at large about what's been happening:

President Clinton's State of the Union Message was very well done. It was fun to watch on television. He's masterful at that sort of thing.

The splendid surroundings of the packed House of Representatives, along with the realization that the leaders of our nation are gathered in a single room, make the event memorable each time.

As for content, it sounded like a distillation of his campaign — which it was.

When he talked of education, he could have been reading from parts of an old speech by Gov. Engler... charter schools, schools of choice, performance standards.

But then, when Gov. Engler, in his State of the State message, could have been reading from an old Clinton script, asking for more federal funds to help out on a local problem, namely improving Michigan's roads.

SOME DETAILS came in the Clinton budget message.

The big emphasis is on balancing the budget, which Mr. Clinton claims he can accomplish — with his plan — in five years.

But to get his balancing act

underway, he needs to raise the debt limit again, which means this year anyway he wants us to spend more money than we have available. That's called deficit financing.

The figures involved in government budgets are mind boggling.

Mr. Clinton proposed spending \$1,690,000,000,000. Adding all the zeroes emphasizes its enormity.

In many areas, Mr. Clinton wants to spend more. Most of the cuts which would balance the budget under Mr. Clinton's five-year plan, interestingly enough, come in the fourth and fifth years — after Mr. Clinton leaves office.

Of course, his tax cut proposals are highly selective. He wants cuts for some, which will mean higher taxes for others. They won't be revenue neutral. Tax cuts seldom are.

And maybe finally, under this new budget, we will get all those 100,000 new police officers for which he took credit during the campaign. Most of them have yet to be hired, and they're back in this new budget.

AS FOR MICHIGAN. Gov. Engler's budget proposes spending \$30.9 billion, which is a modest \$1.4 billion more than last year.

Incidentally, a billion takes three less zeroes than a trillion, such as in the Clinton budget.

The governor doesn't want any new taxes, either... including a gas tax increase, even for better roads.

Mr. Engler does want more money for roads — proposing a modest \$181 million. He would take some of that from the state's general fund for the first time in many years, and — in an interesting twist — sort of privatize collections of child support payments from inattentive parents, figured to realize \$30 million.

The governor also has proposed closing two more mental hospitals, which is bound to cause trauma and controversy.

In demeanor, Mr. Engler has developed nicely as a speech maker. His State of the State message was relaxed, conversational. Obviously he is more secure than when he became governor, and seems to enjoy the job immensely.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Race complex could have lifted area economy

Dear Town Fathers/Board of Commissioners,

Are you all stupid or what? The reason I ask this question is simple; you have managed to kill our economy again. How you ask? By not letting the race complex come in, that's how.

Do you have any idea what kind of revenue that complex would bring to this community. Not to mention the jobs it would create.

Oh, I see you only want those things in this community that you can control. You complain about the revenue or lack of and then you shoot down a multi-million dollar a year opportunity. I applaud you. You people are so brilliant you make me sick.

Everyone in the community could benefit from this complex.

Hey fellas, let's get a clue. We need jobs in this community. First you were against Pontiac Fiberboard coming in and a few other businesses coming in, now this! You people don't have a clue.

Maybe you should start asking all of the people in the community what they think about things before you start turning things down.

Oh, I almost forgot, you are the

voice of the people. Well excuse me if I say I don't think you know what the people want or what we need. If you really want to know about how we feel, put it up for a vote and let us decide if we think it's good for the community. Stop thinking for us. We, the people, should have the final say.

That complex would have been great for the kids. I forgot, the children of this community are not an issue in this... or are they. Just think of the possibilities that went by the wayside... AGAIN!

What a boys and girls club, oh no we can't have that. Our children would have something to do besides drink and do drugs or just sit home. Oh my, that would be a crime. I know, it would contribute to the delinquency of minors.

I really can't believe you have the brains (or should I say lack of) to turn something so promising away.

Thanks for giving our community another financial lift (Ha, Ha).

Russell DeHart
Grayling

Jerry Meyer's vision had community improving

To the editor,

Wake up Grayling. You're letting the wrong Jerry M. leave town. Jerry Meyer becoming the director of the chamber of commerce was the best thing that had happened to this town in 50 years.

Mr. Meyer's clear vision of the future of what a small northern Michigan town could be, coupled with his positive attitude and people skills, gave us a light at the end of a 50-year tunnel of negativity and nay saying from the powers that be or want-to-be's (and I do want to emphasize the word Power).

Mr. Meyer beat his head against the brick wall of city hall just as everyone else who ever needed our employees there to help them, whether it was with a building permit or a candidate's petition or the availability of land for a project.

In this day and age of Wal-Marts and regional malls, sports complexes and the other facts of modern commerce, if a small town doesn't learn from the decaying towns around it and around the entire country, then it, too, will lose out to the more aggressive

communities. By aggressive I don't mean rampant growth, but communities with civic pride and a can-do spirit. Communities where their administrations (who by the way are just their employees) work for the good of all their citizens.

The 21st century is just three short years away. We need to improve our physical image and attitude. We need to seek out the type of businesses and industries that are good for both the community and the environment. Mr. Meyer was doing that job. That is one of the main functions of a chamber of commerce. The city did not let him do his job.

Once a suitable business is willing to come here, that company should be helped, nurtured and encouraged. Please note that I said *suited* and not just every con artist that comes here with some grandiose scheme.

Double Mr. Meyer's salary, buy them plane tickets to visit their family back east. Do something. Just don't let them get away.

Frank C. Smith
Grayling

Unmarried parent is proud of her son

To the editor,

I am writing in response to a letter written by Bob Winger that was in the Jan. 23 issue of the *Avalanche*.

First of all Mr. Winger, let me start by telling you that I am a 33-year-old single parent, and have been since my son was born almost 14 years ago. Back then I didn't have the opportunity to put a birth announcement in the *Avalanche*, because they (the hospital) didn't make a point of putting the births of (in your words) "illegitimate" babies in the newspaper. But I certainly wish that they would have, because I would have been very "proud" to let everyone know of the birth of my son.

No, I did not choose to get married back then, but it's not because I wasn't "proud enough", it's because I didn't feel that just because I had a child, I needed to ruin my life by marrying someone that I didn't love, and I certainly wasn't ready to be married. So, I am very "proud" of the fact that I didn't choose to get married and still have no intentions of it for a very long time, if ever.

Yes, my son's picture has been in the newspaper several times, and I only put it in there once. The other times were for school and community things. His picture has even been in the paper for marching in a parade with the Boy Scouts. The same parade in which a big band (not quite a brass band) marched, and I didn't even have

to "summon" the band, they volunteered to march in the same parade with my "illegitimate" son. There were many "proud" people watching my son march by, including myself and maybe even you (imagine that).

So Mr. Winger, let me tell you that I am very "proud" of my "illegitimate" son, and I want everyone to know about it. He is the best thing that ever happened to me, and has changed my life dramatically for the better. If it weren't for him, I don't know where I would be today.

I would be glad to tell you when you became "out of touch with reality". It's when you decided to write this letter to tell me (and other people) that I should not feel "proud" of my son, and belittling him because I'm not married, and cutting people down for the choices that they make in their lives.

Well, I think that you, Mr. Winger, need a big dose of reality. This is the 90s not the 50s, and if you don't like reading about "proud" parents and their children in the paper, then don't read it!

I just hope that one of your children or grandchildren never have a baby out of wedlock, because I'm sure that you would not be "proud" enough to share the news, and that would be a shame.

Vicki Holzman
Grayling

POINT OF VIEW

by Col. Gary J. McConnell, Commander, Camp Grayling

Camp Grayling training plans outlined

Camp Grayling is alive and well, and stands ready to continue its mission, serving as a major year-round training facility for the National Guard, as well as for Active Component and U.S. Army Reserve troops.

Despite an overall decrease in Defense Department funding for the U.S. Military, our nation's leaders are demonstrating an increased reliance on Reserve Component military units, including the National Guard, to meet worldwide defense and peacekeeping missions. What that means to northern lower Michigan, and to Camp Grayling in particular, is an important role in training soldiers and units to better perform their jobs.

The questions most often asked by community members are, "How many soldiers are coming to Grayling this summer?" and, "Will troop levels increase after being down in past years?" The good news for the business community especially, is that numbers will increase. The number of soldiers performing two weeks of training at

Camp Grayling will increase by nearly one-third over last year, to 10,800 from a low of 8,000 in 1996.

Reasons for this year's increase are that fewer overseas deployments and special missions, such as supporting the 1996 Summer Olympics, are scheduled. More units from Michigan and nearby states are able to travel economically to Camp Grayling to train in their assigned roles.

A highlight for many in this training year is the planned opening of our Multi Purpose Range Complex, or MPRC. Under construction for the last two years, the MPRC replaces outmoded tank ranges with a new range, occupying the same land. Armor crews will experience realistic battlefield training to increase their skills and survivability in combat.

Tasks that remain before the range opens, are to place the moving and stationary target machines in their prepared settings. This will be done as soon as weather permits in April. In May, a team of Master Gunners will

"proof" each target, testing its visibility from all firing positions. Computers to operate the range will be installed in the control tower.

The first tank unit scheduled to fire on the range in June, will be the First Battalion, 246th Armored Regiment, headquartered in southwestern Michigan. Two Ohio battalions will follow in July. All will fire non-exploding ammunition, to avoid damaging sophisticated target mechanisms.

Another weapons system, introduced to Camp Grayling in 1994, is the Multiple Launch Rocket System, belonging to the First Battalion, 182nd Field Artillery Regiment. The 182nd is a Michigan Guard unit based in Detroit, Lansing, and Bay City. One of the unit's three firing batteries will train on Range 30 Complex, northeast of the MATES.

One area in which Camp Grayling is seeing increased usage is from the Michigan Guard's "schoolhouse". Second Battalion of the 177th



Col. Gary McConnell

Regiment conducts courses in specific soldier skills, and in leadership development classes. Camp Grayling's vast maneuver areas, small arms ranges, and classrooms make the post an ideal setting for instruction.

The investments made to improve and upgrade Camp Grayling over many years have resulted in a quality training center, able to train soldiers in a wide variety of skills, at a very reasonable cost to the American taxpayers.

Several units of the Michigan National Guard have proven the value of Camp Grayling and the caliber of training received, through their deployment in recent years to Haiti, Germany, Bosnia, and Hungary. Training conducted at Camp Grayling contributed to their successful mission accomplishment, and a safe return to loved ones at home.

Statement from new group called "unfair" by treasurer

To the editor and Lovells Township residents,

This is in regards to the newly formed Lovells Anti Crime Association (LACA).

LACA had their first meeting on Feb. 1. There were some 62 persons at the meeting, including two County Commissioners and Sheriff David Lovely.

On Feb. 3, they put a letter out in two stores about the minutes of that meeting called MEDIA ALERT.

I am in agreement with the purpose of the meeting. However, I object to one statement in the letter that "No township officials were in attendance." It is true that no board members attended. I was not called that there would be a meeting and at least one

other board member did not know about it also. I did not know about the meeting until the following Tuesday at work. Had I known, I would have been at the meeting.

I feel that the statement in the letter from LACA that "No township officials were in attendance" is an injustice to the Lovells Township board members who did not know about the meeting and to those who had prior commitments.

I feel that LACA owes an apology to the township board for making it look like the township board members are not concerned with the crimes committed in Lovells Township.

Dolores Haberland,
Lovells Township Treasurer

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Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Race track promoter didn't get a fair shake at board meeting

To the editor,

I am addressing this letter to some of the Crawford County commissioners, and the people of our community. I have lived here for 10 years, and feel the need to speak out. It is unbelievable how some of our board members do not want our community to grow. These board members say they have talked with people in their districts. I have never been called for my opinion on any issue.

I love living in Crawford County, and enjoy the recreational aspects it has to offer. But, I also know our community is dying a slow death because of archaic views of some of our board members.

I took time off of work to go listen to the last board meeting and what transpired. First, Mr. Parmalee was not treated with respect. Our commissioners, not all, asked for some technical information such as finances for the project. Mr. Parmalee was not at that meeting to provide this type of information. He was there to see if our board was interested in his project. Because the project would require the purchase of state land, if our commission wasn't willing to listen then there was no need to go any further. With the attitude of some of the commissioners toward him, if I was Mr. Parmalee I would never

consider this location.

I called Mr. Parmalee and thanked him for considering our community, and apologized for the treatment he received at the board meeting. He indicated that Crawford County would be an excellent location, but for it to go any further he would need the support of the community. In Kalkaska, Mr. Parmalee never asked for the community to put up any money for this project. He would not do so in our community either. This raceway would bring such an economic boom to this community, not to mention jobs, but ensure prosperity for the future of our community.

I know there are many retired people in our community that would oppose this project. They only think of themselves and could care less about growth of our community. Our children deserve the best schools, recreational, and a chance for a well-paying job. With this raceway we might have the opportunity to give them this. It is time for Crawford County to grow and stop lagging behind. Call your commissioners and express your opinion. We should at least try to show Mr. Parmalee that we will listen. To find out how to get through to your commissioner call 517-348-2841.

John Schneider,
Grayling

Sidewalks in downtown need more attention in snow removal

To the editor,

This is our first winter as residents of Grayling and since we have purchased our home, there will be many more. We love this town and want it to be the best it can be. That is why I am writing.

I realize the snow removal problem is enormous at this time of year. My question is regarding sidewalks in the downtown area. I walk a lot and have noticed many people who also walk. The sidewalks on Michigan Avenue are cleared regularly, but what about James Street? Trying to walk along

James Street is almost an impossible task. Can't someone clear a path after it snows?

Other towns use work release prisoners to shovel snow. I'm sure a similar program could work here. I feel it to be a problem that needs attention. Surely the safety and convenience of walkers in the downtown area and on the I-75 business loop should be a priority in our town.

Thank you,

Patricia Orcutt
Grayling

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

from Charles Tinsley, Social Security Representative


Open enrollment period for Medicare

An open enrollment period from Jan. 1 through March 31 permits people 65 or over who failed to enroll or dropped their Part B Medicare coverage to sign up. Their coverage will begin July 1, 1997. Generally, a 10 percent premium penalty will be added to the monthly premium for each year they could have enrolled but did not. However, there is a special enrollment period if you or your spouse is working. You may be able

to delay enrollment in Part B without paying a premium penalty or waiting for a general enrollment period. You have an eight-month special enrollment period if you have group health plan coverage from current employment at the time you first became eligible for Medicare. This special enrollment period begins with the month employment ends or the month your group health plan coverage ends, whichever comes first.

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Weekly Update
This past week my wife and I had the opportunity to work with a TV station WJBK Fox 2 from Detroit. We broadcasted live via satellite from South Bay on Lake Margrethe, it was a show called Good Morning Michigan. We were able to show some different ice shanties and demonstration how a tip up and ice augers work among other things. They also used some video tape shooting around the lake the day before!!
While we were broadcasting a station in Phoenix AZ, picked us up and we did a live show that aired down there so they could see us playing in the snow!!
The whole project was fun and good publicity for our area.
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EXTRA POINTS

Eric Gaertner

'Super Saturday' provided memories

A couple of weeks ago it was Super Sunday.

And while Desmond Howard made it a great day for Packer fans on that day, a similar occurrence happened on a more local level this past weekend for Viking supporters.

The Grayling spikers and grapplers took part in "Super Saturday" for area high school sports fans. The Grayling volleyball team and the wrestling squad each hosted a tournament in Viking country Saturday.

The volleyball team held its annual Grayling Subway Invitational Tournament at the high school. And across town at the middle school, the Viking wrestlers hosted the final Great Northern Conference championships.

This rare two-sport tourney weekend in one city gave Grayling fans a unique situation. For this journalist, some school officials and most likely some fans, this presented a unique problem. How to be in two places at once.

Grayling Athletic Director Mitch Rosekrans and yours truly were two of the people who tried to take in both events — especially the highlights of both tournaments. It seemed like I was always running into the AD just moments after running into him at the other event.

Well, things turned out alright for the parties involved, as the championship round in the conference wrestling meet finished just about the same time as the semi-final match between Gaylord and Grayling was beginning in volleyball. Since the finishes were staggered and things went smoothly, the two events actually made for an exciting day, as Grayling's wrestling and volleyball teams both gave good showings.

The most exciting portion of either tournament, and probably the best match of the Grayling wrestling season, was the 135-pound championship match between Grayling's Ben Malonen and Rogers City's Andy Centala.

Malonen was the underdog going into the match. Centala had only three losses on the season and was the number one seed for the tournament. Malonen, who was the number two seed, also had been defeated two other times by Centala going into the tournament.

The clash for the conference championship began between the two grapplers and, surprisingly, Malonen jumped out to a lead. Malonen was ahead 6-2 going into the third and final period but there still was a feeling from the Rogers City fans that Centala would pull it out.

They looked to be right. Centala turned Malonen on his back early in the period with an ideal pinning combination. There was nearly a minute-and-a-half remaining in the match, usually too long to fight. Malonen struggled for the long period of time with the help of some enthusiastic Viking fans.

The referee continued to check for the pin, and at one point showed with his fingers that Malonen's shoulder only was up by an inch. Malonen held out for the unheard of time (1:30) to the delight of the crowd. Centala received the three back points, but it wasn't enough as Malonen won 6-5.

Malonen was won of the five Grayling wrestlers who completed the five-man streak again. The Vikings owned the 125- through 145-pound weight classes with their great middle wrestlers.

These five guys — Jason Hall, Malonen, Dave Shepherd, Eddie Davis and Josh Taylor — have been around the same weight for their careers. For this reason it is only obvious to credit each person with some part of the success of the rest of the five.

Coach Don Ferguson said they have always wrestled each other in practice which has made them all better wrestlers during their careers.

Another interesting tid-bit from the wrestling tournament was some of the T-shirts the wrestlers were wearing. These shirts had some interesting sayings about the sport of wrestling.

One shirt read, "Wrestling is a religion and you have just met your maker." Another shirt read, "Wrestling: What men do during the basketball season."

At the volleyball tournament like all events, there were some good teams and some not-so-good teams. Likely for Viking fans, the Grayling team is one of the very good teams.

In this invitational the Vikings were on the same floor with some other very good teams. The two other great

teams — Gaylord and Roscommon — finished one-two with Roscommon winning the tourney.

There must be something in the water in this area. There were other teams from other places in the state, but the top three teams are located right here in this region.

For the spectators at the tournament, the final matches between Gaylord and Grayling, followed by Gaylord and Roscommon provided the best action.

In volleyball when the two teams in a match are both skilled in all aspects of the game, an Olympic-style match with spikes and blocks results. The opposite is true when a good team battles a lesser team. This occurred a few times early on in the tournament. This type of thing happens in all sports when one is superior to the other, but in volleyball it is especially evident.

Special thought for the week:
I noticed an interesting parallel in the sports world recently. It really made me think.

On one hand sports fans learned some of the downfalls of being a professional athlete. Two Dallas Cowboy football players were accused of a sexual crime, but no charges were filed.

The players, and some other athletes, ended up complaining about how sports figures can be accused of anything and are considered guilty first, not innocent, like regular people. Then on the flip side, the O.J. Simpson "circus" trail continued. Simpson was found liable in the civil trial.

The interesting thing is seconds after the verdict was given, I heard a television newsman say that this verdict finally proves that a famous athlete or celebrity can be found guilty of murder. It implied that an athlete, because of his fans and fame, could not usually be found guilty.

What do you think?

Editor's Quote Book

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Heracles

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FRI. 14	•BBB vs. Lincoln-Alcona, away, 6 pm.
SAT. 15	•VB @ Tawas, 8 am. •WRESTLING individual regionals •HS FORENSICS @ Beaverton. •THE HARLEM SPIRITUAL ENSEMBLE performs at Kirtland Community College, 8 pm.
SUN. 16	•ATTEND THE CHURCH of your choice today.
MON. 17	•SURVIVORS OF INCEST & Sexual Abuse meeting @ New Life Community Services, 7-8:30 pm. Call 348-2544 for more information. •AMERICAN ASSOC. OF RETIRED PERSONS @ COA office, 1:30 pm. •FRESH BB vs. Rogers City, home, 7 pm. •KIWANIS CLUB MEETING @ Iron Gate Restaurant, 12 noon. •PRESIDENTS DAY •SCHOOL CLOSED for mid-winter break.
TUES. 18	•BBB vs. Rogers City, away, 6 pm. •VB vs. Charlevoix, away, 6 pm. •AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION dinner meeting @ 6:30 pm. •ABCs OF PARENTING CLASS @ AuSable Primary, 9:30-11 am. •CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR ANIMALS meeting @ Milltown Groomers, 7 pm. For more information call 348-4117. •AUSABLE RIVER CANOE MARATHON meeting @ Mini Mall race office, 7 pm.
WED. 19	•WRESTLING TEAM REGIONALS •LIONS CLUB MEETING @ Breakers Steak House, 6:30 pm. •COA BOARD MEETING @ Senior Citizen Center, 308 Lawndale drive, 5:30 pm. •GENERAL PARENTING EDUCATION and support group at New Life Community Service, 7-8:30 am. Please call 348-2544. •CARD PARTY @ St. John Lutheran Church, hosted by the ladies of the church, 12 noon. All are invited. •WEIGHT WATCHER'S meeting @ St. Francis Episcopal Church on M-72 W.; weigh-in 4:45 pm; meeting 5:30 pm. For more information call Sandy @ 348-5321.



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The Bible Speaks

From the Calvary Baptist Church

Pornography

What does God say about pornography? The words of our Lord Jesus Christ are very clear: (Matthew 5:27-28) "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: (28) But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Christ tells us that all such sins begin as heart problems. (Mark 7:20-23) "And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. (21) For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, (22) Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: (23) All these evil things come from within, and defile the man."

Turning from God and His will concerning sex opens one to the practice of sin blinds the heart or inner

man to the truth. (Romans 1:21) "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." (Romans 1:24) "Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves."

Pornography encourages fornication, and fornication often ends in homosexuality. (Romans 1:26-27) "For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: (27) And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet."

Sex perversion leads to social disorder and violence. (Romans 1:28-31) It ends in God's judgment, yet, when sex perverts know this, they glory in spreading their sin. (Romans 1:32) "Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." God says run from sex sin. (1 Corinthians 6:18) "Flee fornication" As the patriarch Job said: (Job 31:1) "I made a covenant with mine eyes; why then should I think upon a maid?" Avoiding pornography is a wise choice in a wicked world.

Pastor "B"

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Arts Council to hold workshops

Consumer & Industry Services Director Kathleen Wilbur announced that Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) will hold statewide technical assistance workshops during February and March to help potential applicants prepare arts and cultural grant applications for Fiscal Year 1998. The application deadline for all MCACA grant categories is May 1, 1997.

"We are pleased to be able to provide this service. We believe it's important that potential applicants become familiar with Council requirements and to plan viable projects," said Wilbur.

"Good proposal writing does not guarantee success, but is only one aspect of good grantmanship. Application reviewers also look for excellence and for well-planned

projects that benefit people and communities throughout the state," she said.

The workshops, except for the ones scheduled March 11, 12, 13, and 26, will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with an hour break for lunch. The Upper Peninsula (Hancock, Marquette, Escanaba) workshops scheduled March 11, 12 and 13, will run from 1 to 4 p.m.; the Detroit workshop scheduled March 26, will run from 6 to 9 p.m. Grant guidelines and applications will be available at all workshops.

All questions about the workshops should be directed to the site contact person. The closest site for Crawford County residents is in Petoskey at the Crooked Tree Arts Council. The contact person is Michelle Conklin who can be reached at 616-347-4337.

Multi-cultural church established in Grayling

by Lisa Hoffman
Staff Reporter

A new church, designed to break down cultural and racial barriers, has been established in Grayling.

The Grayling Christian Fellowship Full Gospel Multi-cultural Church was started in July by Pastor Leonard and Renee Hall.

"We talk about faith, true worship of the Lord, how to be good citizens, how to help the community and how

to breakdown racial barriers," Renee said.

The church, currently in the Hall's home, has 50 parishioners and "tons of children," Renee said.

According to Hall, the children's programs center around Christian videos and making children productive and disciplined citizens.

"We hope to be a great asset to our community," Renee said.

Those interested in joining the new church should call 348-0149.

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"Thank you for picking up your toys." "Thank you for remembering to get bread." "Thank you for putting gas in the car." Small routine matters. No! Because when a "thank you" is said, it provides a link of love for the persons involved. We must work on these "small links of love" in order to make life happier for those around us. The personal "thank you" also reminds us that a thank you to God is also in order. We do not have to stop and close our eyes and bow our heads each time. Our prayers can be flashes of thoughts as we acknowledge God's love and presence. Each "thank you" can be a "link of love" to God and others as we pray at home, or at our house of worship.

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MONDAY

Psalm 4

TUESDAY

Psalm 5

WEDNESDAY

Matthew 6:5-18

THURSDAY

Matthew 7:7-29

FRIDAY

Psalm 56

SATURDAY

Psalm 57

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Pastor Dale Hammond
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7 p.m.

Christian Science Society
209 First St. - Suite 103 - Gaylord
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
April through October
2nd Wednesday 8 p.m.

Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church
Pastor J. Douglas Paterson
400 Michigan Ave.
348-2974
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45-10:45 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship 12 noon
Bible Study (Wed.) 10 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist
Pastor David Stramel
Phone 348-4445
Services held Saturday at Camp AuSable off M-72 East (1st building on right inside camp entrance).
Church Service 9:30 a.m.
Sabbath School 10:30 a.m.
Prayer Meeting Tues 7 p.m.

Grayling Assembly of God
Rev. Ron Voelker, Pastor
701 S. I-75 Business Loop
Church 348-8885 • Parsonage 348-2588
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth Children 7 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
President Larry A. Cook
600 North Elm St., Gaylord
Sacrament 10 a.m.
Sunday School 11 a.m.
Primary 11 a.m.
Priesthood 12 noon
Relief Society 12 noon

Grayling Christian Fellowship
Pastor Leonard Hall
Full gospel, multi-cultural church
(517) 348-0149
Sunday 11 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.

Heritage Baptist
Pastor Ernie Wagner 348-1411
1841 Hartwick Pines Rd.
1/4 mile west of I-75
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday 7 p.m.

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Pastor Sherry McGuffin
710 Spruce St. - Phone 348-5224
Bible School 9:15 a.m.
Adult Bible Study 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Pastor Wayne Horton
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Church School 9:45 a.m.
Preaching 11 a.m.
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

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Sunday Family Bible Study/Sharing 9:30 a.m.
Daily Masses 9:30 a.m. Wednesday & Friday
Daily Worship
Sacrament of Reconciliation, one hour prior to Saturday Vigil Mass, or by appt.

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Pastor Betty Petrie, 348-8314
Holiday Inn, Grayling
Sunday 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor
M-72 West
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Mid-Week Services
Prayer & Awana Club (Wed) 7 p.m.

Church of Christ
Gordon French Minister
Old US 27 at Skyline Rd
275-8613
Sunday Classes & Worship 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Evening 6 p.m.
Wednesday
Mid-week Bible Study 7 p.m.

Bear Lake Christian
M-72 & East Bear Lake Rd.
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Sunday Service 10 a.m.

The Church of Christ with the Eliza Message
Pastor Dahn E. Weaver
7662 Kelly Ave - Frederic
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 7 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7 p.m.

Abundant Life Tabernacle
Pastor Lyle Steader
211 S. Millenburger St.
Grayling, Mich.
Sunday Morning 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Sunday Night 6 p.m.
Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

Grayling Baptist Church
Affiliated with S.B.C.
Pastor Terry Colby
Meeting at 501 Michigan Avenue
(517) 348-2557
Sunday Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Wednesday Services 7 p.m.

Harvest Time Church of God
Pastor Fred Coates
506 North Birch St., Kalkaska
(616) 258-3448
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship Service 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Family Training Hour and Prayer
Wednesday 7 p.m.

Lovell Chapel
Pastor Rev. D. Dean Courney
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Chapel Service 11 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7-8 p.m.

Free Methodist
Joseph Carpenter, Pastor
6652 W. Kalkaska Rd.
(M-72 West) Phone 348-5362
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Service 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m.
Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 7 p.m.

Mt. Hope Evangelical Lutheran - Missouri Synod
Rev. Paul Boerger, Pastor
905 North I-75 Business Loop
348-5921 or 348-6504
Sunday School 9 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday Weekday School 5 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 9 a.m.
Thursday Women's Bible Study 9 a.m.
Thursday Men's Promise Keepers Study 7 p.m.

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Herbert R. Filler-Pastor
For information call 275-5443
Services held at the Roscommon Community Center, Sunday mornings at 9 a.m., 510 South St., Roscommon, MI

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FOOTNOTES FROM THE HILLS

Grayling Recreation Authority News

By Cindy Olson

Girls Basketball — GRA 1997 Basketball League fifth grade-eighth grade. The group is accepting late registrations for \$25. Fee includes: T-shirt, certificate, eight weeks of games, and referees. Play begins on Saturday, Feb. 15.

Tennis — Indoor tennis for beginners Thursday, Feb. 20 from 4 to 5 p.m. for six weeks. Register by Feb. 13 for a \$10 fee; add \$5 for late registration. Persons must have their own racket. Program meets at Hanson Hills Recreation Center.

Free Ski Program — Has been extended to Feb. 14, because of snow days.

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The hill will be open Friday, Feb. 14, and Monday, Feb. 17, with \$5 lift ticket and \$5 rental.



LASTING GIFT -- United Way co-chairmen Maurine McNamara (left) and Gloria Kraus (not pictured) accept a donation from Sal (Truettner) Hubel. Hubel donated \$10,000 recently to the United Way. "Instead of giving to all the small groups, I wanted to do it in one big crack," Hubel said.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED — Mr. and Mrs. Dan Weaver announce the engagement of their son Gerald Weaver to Tara Javurek, daughter of Steve and Sue Javurek of Escanaba. Jerry and Tara are students at Lake Superior State University. Jerry is a 1994 graduate of Grayling High School. A July 1998 wedding is being planned.

HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A.

Use care and common sense when using a snow thrower

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Signed: Snow-blowing senior

Answer: The Consumer Product Safety Commission warns people who use snow throwers that they run the risk of severe hand injuries or amputations when they attempt to clear the auger/collector or discharge chute with their hands. About 6,000 people require emergency treatment in 1995 for snow-thrower-related injuries, most caused when people thought that the augers had stopped rotating and put their hands into the machine to clear snow or debris. The CPCS offers the following safety tips:

- Always stop the engine and use a long stick to unclog wet snow and debris from the machine; *never* use your hands.
- Never leave the machine

unattended while it is running, even for a short time.

- Add fuel to the tank outdoors before starting the machine; don't add gasoline to a running or hot engine.
- Keep gasoline cans capped and stored outside away from ignition sources.
- If the machine is electric-powered, know where the power cord is at all times.
- Check the machine before each use and always refer to the owner's manual for instructions on care and maintenance.

This information is presented as a public service to the community by District Health Department No. 1 which serves Wexford, Missaukee, Kalkaska and Crawford counties. Any questions should be sent to Health Educator, 401 Lake Street, Cadillac, MI 49601.

CRAWFORD COUNTY LIBRARY NEWS

by Tracie Compton

How has the library helped you and your family? Your answer could win \$20,000 cash for your child's college education as part of a national "Kids Connect @ The Library." The contest is sponsored by American Library Association.

The library is a parent's best friend when it comes to educating and entertaining children. This contest is an opportunity for parents to share how their family has benefited and be eligible for some great prizes.

The Crawford County Library has entry forms for "Kids Connect @ The Library" contest. Entry forms are also available at participating retailers and on line at the URL <http://www.ala.org/KidsConnect>.

Based on the national Library Week theme, the contest invites adults 18 and over who are the parent or legal guardian of at least one child, to tell in 125 words or less how they make the library part of their family lives and how the library helps connect them to each other, the Internet, better grades, financial savings, family entertainment and more. The national contest runs through April 30.

Multimedia computers will be awarded to one winner in 50 states and to the library of their choice. A grand prize of \$20,000 will be awarded for the best overall entry plus a multimedia computer for a library of the winner's

choice.

For rules and entry form, stop by the Crawford County Library.

The Crawford County Library is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. The phone number at the library is 348-9214.

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by Shirley D. Schmoock
Special Writer

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to one-third of all American adults as overweight. And, within this broad framework of determining what constitutes acceptable Body Mass Index (BMI) lies an interesting paradox.

The irony is that many people who do not need to lose weight are succeeding in doing so, while the vast majority who most need to lose weight are not. The NIH is concerned with this "paradox" because being overweight seriously affects health and longevity.

The American Heart Association has also recently issued its own warning. They encourage people to reduce what they term "controllable risks" by monitoring fat, salt and caloric intake. They also caution that an adequate balance of minerals, vitamins and sufficient fiber are necessary to reduce these "controllable risks."

While diets involving monitoring fat and calories are common practices, some Grayling residents have turned to surgery.

Studies on obesity and the debilitating affects attributable to the

condition abound, but the NIH will not lay blame on any single cause. Their studies suggest that obesity comes from a combination of varied sources, and the condition is not a simple matter of exerting will power at the dinner table. In addition, they contend that obesity is a complex disorder involving appetite regulation, inherited genetics, and an unbalanced metabolism compounded by numerous socio-economic factors which are often overlooked or ignored when dealing with the scope of the health issue in its entirety.

The Body Mass Index chart clearly establishes weight classification. NIH reports that patients whose BMI exceeds 40 are potential candidates for bariatric surgery because it is certain that obesity seriously impairs their lives. In some cases, they recommend patients found between 35 and 40 on the index chart may be considered, as well.

The American Society of Bariatric Surgery has utilized the BMI weight standards by which obese patients may be evaluated and treated. Weight varies widely between individuals, of course, but a patient is considered severely obese if their weight reaches 100 pounds over the national average established as ideal for their height, age and bone structure.

Cases of severe obesity can and are regularly being treated surgically, however, when other diet plans or voluntary weight loss programs have failed to achieve the desired weight loss. Over 40 persons in the Grayling area have had such operations. The surgery is Gastricoplasty, and it is more commonly known as stomach stapling.

The vertical banded gastroplasty, an operation considered a 'simple primary operative procedure' and Roux-en-Y gastric bypass, a 'complex primary operative procedure' are the two most common procedures used nationwide. Those taking advantage of this

technology, according to the National Bariatric Registry are (1) obese — 130-159 percent of the ideal, (2) morbidly obese — 160 to 225 percent over the ideal, and (3) super obese — patients who exceed 225 percent or more than double the ideal weight as established by the Metropolitan Life Health and Weight Tables.

Interviews with four local women who have experienced this stomach stapling procedure since 1994 reveal that two of them have held to their ideal weight and two have not. A fifth subject was no longer available for comment.

"When a person cannot live a decent life, they become desperate and fearful," said one Grayling woman who weighed 144 pounds 13-months after her surgery. She previously weighed 287 pounds and complained that she was tired all of the time from worrying about a multitude of medical problems and "just getting through another day."

According to the NIH, some people cannot burn calories as efficiently as others. When this occurs, the added calories are converted to fat. Calories fuel the body, but excessive calories load up around the heart and abdominal organs, greatly increasing the risk of stroke, hypertension, or the development of diabetes mellitus.

Stress is also a common denominator found in the overeating equation.

"I found there is no quick fix to having a weight problem," said a woman who had gastroplasty in 1994 and has since regained much of her former weight loss. "Stress with family, kids, life in general — all of it is why it's easy to think you flunked life sometimes. But I'm learning new ways to control my weight. The key is for the brain to tell the stomach that it's full."

Stress, according to the American Heart Institute, is the body's response to change — any change. It can cause fatigue, general malaise, aches and pains, anger and helplessness. It also greatly inhibits good dietary habits

when left unchecked.

These gastric stapling surgeries, according to the Thorn Hospital representative in Hudson, are not risk-free. The informational packet provided by this hospital contains evidence of a careful screening process for all potential patients, both physical and psychological. And while the stapling procedures are not new, family doctors are often reluctant to recommend the surgery unless their patients have tried everything to lose weight.

"The patient who meets with the underlying causes of their weight gain is the patient who is most successful at keeping the weight off after their surgery," said Cheryl Melroy, registered dietitian from Mercy Hospital in Grayling.

"Behavioral problems need to be addressed after the operation, and the patient must then maintain themselves within strict dietary guidelines. Eating modifications are absolutely necessary or the patient will regain the weight they've lost."

Melroy is also keen at putting a strong focus on the risk reduction factor, noting that labeling foods has become important in society. Everyday, the evidence becomes more clear: What America eats is often the difference between good and bad health.

One patient who has been successful after her surgery said, "I wrote a long letter to my children before I went. I wanted them to know that if I didn't come back, I needed them to know how much I wanted to be a normal mom for them."

The operation involves the doctor decreasing the stomach size by producing a small pouch capable of accommodating approximately one to two ounces of food. This gastric stapling has been in use since 1981 and patients can expect to lose from 38 to 50 percent of the excess weight.

Another patient who has managed

to maintain her desired weight found the dietary modifications a bit tricky to negotiate.

"If you don't watch it, you can literally begin starving yourself. Calories fuel the body, and without enough of them, your body begins feeding on itself. Weight loss from around the heart is helpful, but tissue and muscle loss from inactivity or from getting too few calories can be dangerous. Finding that middle ground after so many years of bad eating habits is no simple matter."

The average cost of gastroplasty ranges from \$16,000-\$18,000 and is covered by most major insurance carriers, including Medicare. Each company has its own general criteria, however, and the patient representative from the Thorn Hospital, Connie Myres, said, "some carriers require that you've been treated by a doctor for two or three years with no success. The problem many patients have is that some become too ill to be treated with standard diet pills or weight loss plans. If a patient has joint problems, hypertension, or diabetes that was caused by their obesity, that patient cannot be treated in the conventional manner. Their obesity is the life-threatening issue."

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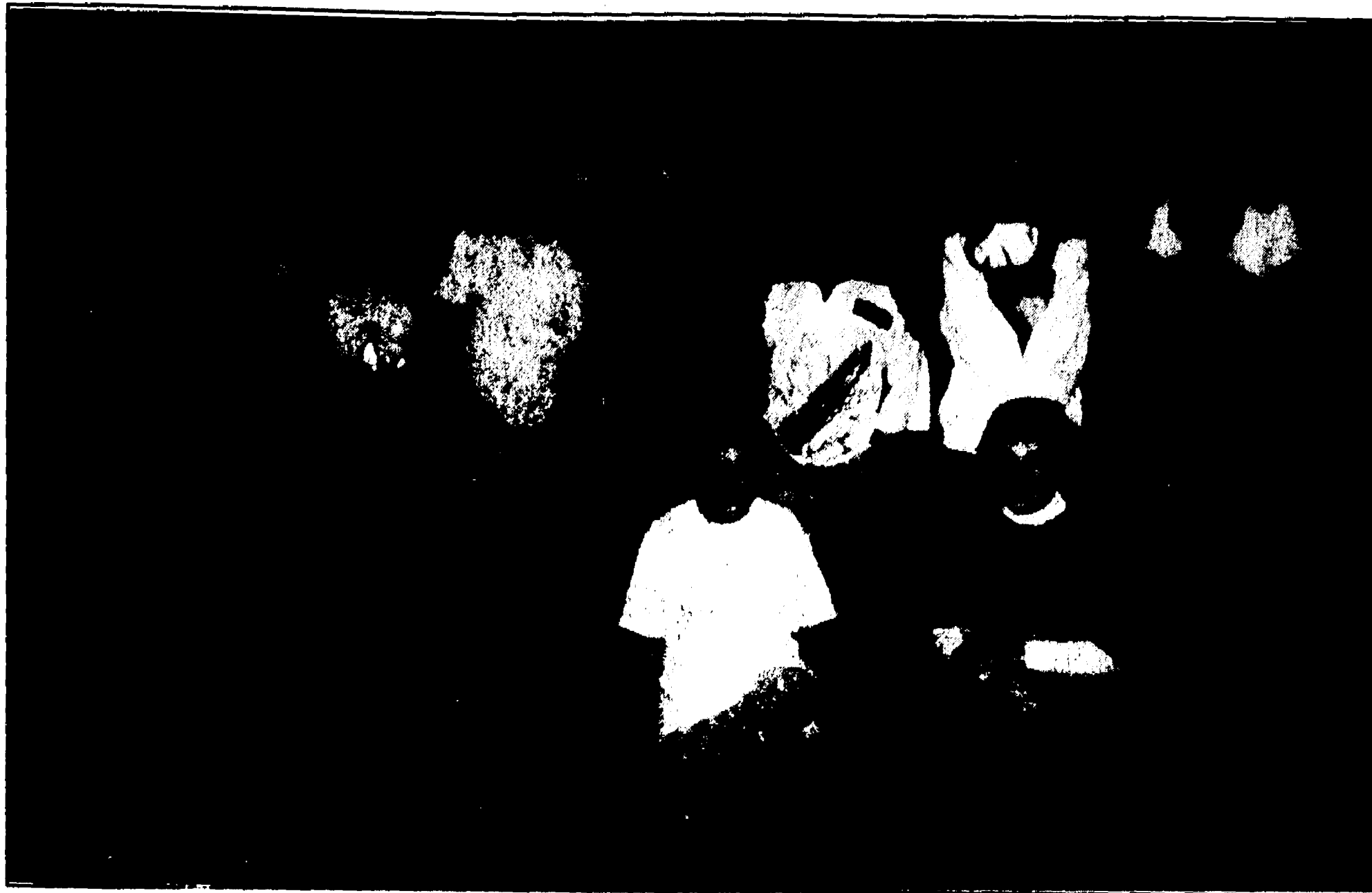
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Sheriff looks to hire juvenile officer

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

Crawford County has received a block grant from the Office of Drug Control Policy to help handle juvenile violence and delinquency.

Crawford County Sheriff David Lovely announced the status of receiving the grant at the Feb. 4 County Board of Commissioners meeting.

According to Lovely, he put in for the block grant due to the rising juvenile crime and violence in the community and in the school system. The grant money will be used to hire a county officer who will focus on juvenile activity.

The commissioners approved a motion at the board meeting to enter into the agreement contingent on the basis the Crawford AuSable Schools met the required funding of 10 percent.

This is the match funding required for the grant. The grant provides \$45,000 for the new position. The program will cost a total of \$55,000 to \$58,000.

The Crawford AuSable School Board of Education approved a decision to give up to \$5,000 for the local match. This money won't be made available until July, when the new fiscal year begins.

There are some items the sheriff's

office is looking at possibly working on involving the juveniles.

"We want to set up some type of after-school programs," Lovely said. "The time immediately after school lets out and before parents get home from work is when a lot of the delinquent and violent activity among juveniles occurs."

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Beal Plantation in Grayling limits is one of a kind

Officials discuss development, administration of 'old' trees

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

A group of 10 interested persons gathered on Thursday, Feb. 6 at the Huron Pines RC&D Office to discuss the Beal Plantation for a second time.

The Beal Plantation, which is located in the City of Grayling limits in the Grayling Industrial Park, was discussed by a group of 20 officials in October, 1996. During this initial meeting, the group toured the trees in the Beal Plantation.

The trees in this unique site were planted on May 23, 1888 under the supervision of Professor William James Beal of the Michigan Agricultural College (changed to Michigan State University). The plantation was established by Beal so researchers could see how well various types of trees and shrubs would fare on the dry, sandy soils so common to central northern Michigan.

The group of federal, state and local officials, along with other concerned residents, have been meeting to look at ways to protect the plantation, study the trees and making it available for interested people to view.

Michigan State University Professor Frank Telewski has said that this site may be the only one in the entire country where reforestation has been

so well documented and preserved over the more than 100 years. There are more than 70 species of trees in the Beal Plantation.

The group of 10 persons went over the administration and development plans for the plantation at the Feb. 6 meeting. Professor Telewski also reviewed the plans for conducting the inventory of the resource.

Those persons in attendance at the meeting were: Ron Nagel, Department of Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Division; Roger Rasmussen, Huron Pines Resource and Development Council; Jerry Morford, City of Grayling; Jim McMillan, Mio DNR; Susan Thiel, Grayling DNR; Jerry Meyer, Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce; Charlie Guenther, concerned citizen; Dan Sikarskie, Huron Pines RC&D; Herb Burkett, Michigan Department of Agriculture; and Telewski.

The officials decided that the plantation will remain under the administration of the Michigan Forest Division Management at least for now.

McMillan mentioned the survey of the land that was conducted between the two meetings. He said the survey crew was at the plantation in November and December, and found that two of the four corners needed to be permanently marked.

One concern came out of the survey which was two rows of the taller Jack Pine trees on the south side were past the property line. McMillan said the rows are on Georgia Pacific property.

An official of Georgia Pacific in Atlanta, GA has been contacted, and McMillan said he asked about possibly acquiring 100 feet to cover all of the five-acre plantation.

The site development of the plantation also was discussed. Nagel will head the Parks Division in developing a conceptual site plan and estimated costs.

The site development consists of building a parking lot, developing a trail system in the plantation and constructing interpretive signs.

Two of the local officials who were

at the meeting — Morford and Meyer — each communicated a couple of reasons the plantation is important to the area.

Morford, the Grayling city manager, called the plantation a unique and historical site.

"The plantation is within the city limits, which is unique for something like this," Morford said.

Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Meyer mentioned the tourism impact this item could become if tied in with other small attractions.

In Alaska, there is a guided bus tour which takes tourists to a bunch of

interesting places and points out the significance of each spot, Meyer said.

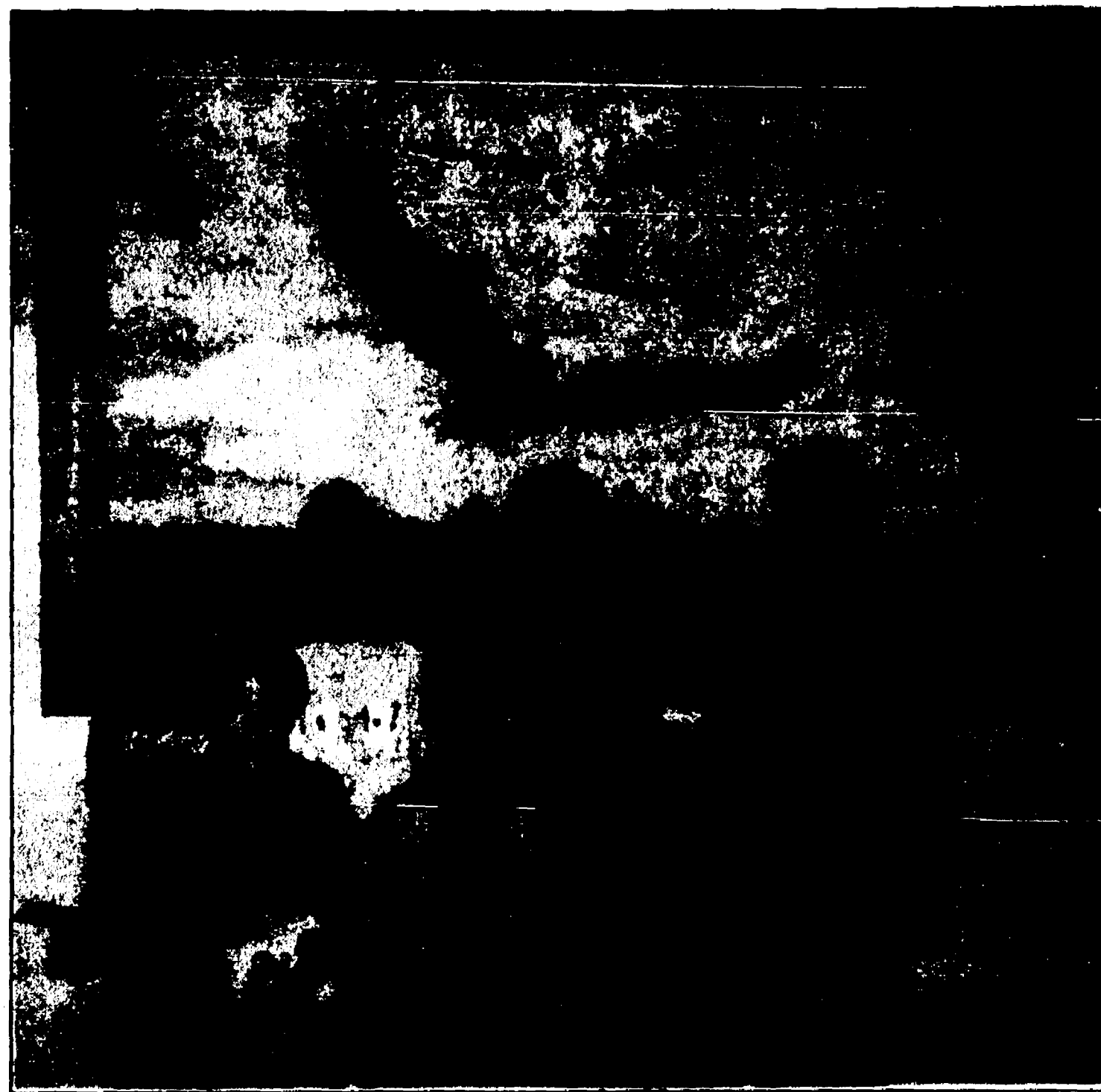
This site may be the only one in the entire country where reforestation has been so well documented and preserved.

— Frank Telewski,
MSU professor

In Crawford County, items like the plantation, Hartwick Pines and other things could be a part of a similar idea.

The education of the plantation, which is one of the major focuses of the group's discussions, will include area school children visiting the plantation and a college student working with the professor to inventory the trees.

Telewski said this is a great opportunity to compare the past data from Professor Beal with the data recovered now. An interested MSU student may work on the project as a possible Master Degree research project.



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Search for replacement continues

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

An interim director has been hired by the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the search for a permanent director has intensified.

Chamber of commerce officials will be accepting applications and resumes for the open executive director's position up to Friday, Feb. 21. Then the interviewing process will begin.

A interviewing committee is currently being formed, said Chamber President Keith Kenney. The plan is to have the interviews completed in March. It is the hope of chamber officials to have a new director in place by the end of March.

The executive director's position became vacant when current director Jerry Meyer announced his resignation a couple of weeks ago. Meyer, who has been the executive director for the past two years, has taken a similar job in Rhode Island.

Meyer plans to be in Rhode Island by Feb. 24. This leaves a time frame between the former director leaving and a new director being hired. The chamber officials have taken care of that potential problem.

Ron Joyce, of Grayling, is the chamber's interim director. According to Kenney, Joyce is filling in as a caretaker until a new director can be hired. He is set to serve in this position for 60 days.

Joyce, who is a retired business executive and is on the board of the Crawford County Library, will help the chamber operations and act as a "conduit between Jerry Meyer and the new director," said Kenney.

The search for a director two years ago took about 45 days, which is the estimated time of this search. The interviewing/hiring committee will be looking for a wide range of qualities for its new director.

"We want someone to pick up where Jerry left off," Kenney said. "Jerry has done an excellent job of building up coalitions of different organizations, and we would like to continue to build and move forward."

HOMETOWN NEWS

Matthew and Lisa Jo (Barber) Jankowski of Bay City, along with big brother, Ryan, wish to announce the arrival of Emily Ann on Dec. 24. Emily weighed seven-pounds, four-ounces and was 19-inches long.

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This season's readings are again sponsored by the English Department and Instructional Division of KCC, as well as by funds from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs through the Saginaw Community Foundation, its Region 7 regaining organization.

On Monday, March 10, Kirtland will bring one of the most prestigious poets of this generation to the CEC. Former President of the Poetry Society of America William Matthews will perform his work at Kirtland. Matthews, the author of 11 books of poetry (including last years *Tim & Money*) and a book of essays on poetry. He is a respected professor of creative writing at City College of New York and is teaching this semester at the University of Michigan. He's received too many awards to list including

national Endowment for the Arts fellowships, a Guggenheim fellowship, and New York State Arts Council grants.

On Wednesday, March 26, Michigan poet and Interlochen Academy for the Arts instructor Nick Bozanic will appear at Kirtland. Bozanic, who's the author of two collections of poetry including *The Long Drive Home*, will bring his unique perspective and vision of northern Michigan to Kirtland. Besides teaching and writing poems, Bozanic is a noted essayist and supporter of the literary arts around the state.

And the last reading of the semester's series will be on Wednesday, April 16, when noted fiction writer, hunting guide, fisherman, and essayist Pam Houston comes to Kirtland. Houston is the author of two collections of short fiction including the widely read *Cowboys are my Weakness*, and her essays on nature and wildlife have appeared in many magazines including *Vanity Fair* and *Esquire*. A noted

fiction writer, she's received numerous awards and honors for her writing.

All the readings in this series occur at 7:30 at the school's Continuing Education Center on College Drive and are preceded by a 4 p.m. question-and-answer session. Persons interested in any event can contact Gerry LaFemina at 517-275-5121 ext. 376.

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Crawford County man retains district seat

A Crawford County resident has been re-elected for another term to the board of directors of the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District.

Walt Nielson, a county resident, will serve another three years on the five-member board. The board meets once a month to lead the conservation district.

The mission statement of the organization is, "The Crawford-Roscommon District is a locally elected entity of state government whose purpose is to improve the quality of life in Crawford and Roscommon counties by conserving and improving our natural resources for the benefit of present and future residents and visitors."

The voting was done by the public throughout the day of the district's annual meeting and open house on Feb. 5. Any resident from Crawford or Roscommon counties could have run for the open seat.

The open house also was important, since the district has moved its offices. The new offices are located at 606 Lake Street in Roscommon.

Meeting dates set for city officials

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

Although no major actions were taken, the Grayling City council members did discuss a few upcoming items at their semi-monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 10.

The council members set a future work session to better understand and set the new city water and sewer rate. The item was listed under old business as water and sewer rate discussion/adoption.

Instead of adopting a measure at Monday's meeting, the council members set a work study session for Monday, Feb. 17 at city hall at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of the discussion concerns possible increases for the city's rates.

The council also directed three representatives of the City of Grayling to attend a meeting put on by the Crawford County Sheriff's Office. The purpose of the meeting is to develop a new county-wide snowmobile ordinance.

Councilperson Roger Moshier, City Manager Jerry Morford and Police Chief Peter Stephan will be sent by the city council to the Feb. 18 meeting.

In other city business, the city manager reported that city council elections will be conducted this year in November. Moshier and Larry Akers are up for re-election this year.

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"B" Average and Above Honor Roll Class: 08

Jessica Abfalter
Andrew Brookes
Levi Burkett
Victor Cdebaca
Jason Collen
Angela Cooper
George Cooper
Brandon Cox
Kyle Crawford
Michael D'Amour
Wendy Dedafoe
Nicollette Earls
Janna Eddy
Miranda Ellis
Nathan Everson
Monique Fagan
Angela Fisher
Emily Fox
Ara Gallagher
Laura Gassman
Matthew Ginther
David Golnick
Bradley Gorski
Derek Gregorich
Jonathan Harland
Tabitha Harney
Jason Hentkowski
Jessica Holzbauer
Kristy Hulbert
Rachel Hunt
Rebecca Hunt
Paul Jansen
Anthony Jurkovich
Lindsey Knapp
Nathalie Knepper
Lindsay Lokovich
Heather Lynch
Ryan Mahaffy
Justin Manier
Emily Maskelis
John McNamara
Daniel Mead
Meghan Meyer
Rachel Miller
Buffy Mills
Joshua Myers
Annette Nettleton
Justin Neuberger
Danielle Niederer
Heidi Niederer
Danielle Outman
Leah Paisley
Jennifer Palmer
Tina Peever
Christopher Peters
Joshua Petrie
Joseph Pilon
Sean Pooley
Heather Potter
Michael Pratt
Brandy Ritter
Jeffery Rose
Steve Roshy
Nathan Ross
Kimberly Ruley

Sonya Saladine
Michelle Salyers
Michelle Sanborn
Max Schreiner
April Schroyer
Gwen Seifert
Charles Silk
Jillian St. Germain
Michelle Stamper
Michelle Stepp
Joyce Thomas
Matthew Thomas
Maggie Todoroff
Bradley Varda
Emily Wakeley
Gary Winchester
Arica Wolcott
Amber Wyman

All "A" Honor Roll Class: 07

Stephanie Ashton
Shalee Cox
Michelle Elsnor
Ann Hughes
Matthew Kersey
Rachel Ramaswamy
Regina Rosi
Johnna Schultes
Denae Southworth
Alexis Sumner
Chet Wheeler
Bert Wheeler
"B" Average and Above Honor Roll Class: 07

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Nicole Alandt
Larry Baynham
Jonathan Boerger
Jamie Bourrie
Jenna Bugyi
Christine Caddell
Alisha Carlisle
Steven Cassell
Keil Clough
Ashlee Cox
Charlotte Crossley
Nicholas D'Amour
Samantha Davis
Angela Decker
Jamie Dent
Melissa Ducastel
Michael Eagen
Kalub Fedak
Justin Fenn
Jennifer Feutz
Damian Fleischmann
Marvin Forbes
Isaac Ford
Randy Ford
Anna Fortino
Wesley Fox
Nathan Frankina
John Gardiner
Doneal Gates
Michelle Gildner
Brandon Gorr
Michael Hale
Jamie Harnish
Katie Haskin
Nickole Hatley
Elizabeth Hellebuyck
Lorinda Hinkle
Jennie Hubbard
Jennifer Huckabay
Kelly Jansen

T. J. Johnson
Shannon Johnston
Juell Joseph
Tasheena Joseph
Kaylan Kimbrell
Travis LaMotte
Nicole Larm
Scott Latusek
Jennifer Lehman
Christina Lockwood
Darcie Lovely
Victoria Lukasiewicz
Christopher Malone
Sheana McClain
Christopher McGuire
Benjamin McNally
Kirkland Meyer
Heather Miller
Ryan Mirate
Ashley Nelson
Michael Nisch
Lucuss Odden
Andrew Palmer
Joshua Petersen
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Bridgette Reed
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James Thompson
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Rachel VanGuilder
Robert VanNuck
Jessica Varda
Christina Voelker
Alesha Wargo
Sarah Weaver
Andrew Winger
Lloyd Winkler
Ashley Wolcott
Dana Woods-Crouch

All "A" Honor Roll Class: 06

Ashley Bancroft
Sean Doyle
Anneliese Finke
Jennie Gibbons
Janelle Gregorich
Kenneth Heinlein
Jason Henning
Jordan Knight
Charles McNamara
Travis Nelson
Coleman Payne
Nicole Persing
Monica Safin
Antonio Sala
"B" Average and Above Honor Roll Class: 06

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Tracy Austin
Britni Baker
Danielle Beckwith
Ashley Beemer

Michele Belcher
Andrew Boardman
William Brewer
Jennifer Brunell
Autumn Burpee
Toshia Butts
Maeghan Corwin
Johnathon Covell
Christopher Cragg
Samuel Cross
Dain Decker
Brek Denewett
Jenson Dreasky
Andrea Dunckley
Lori Ellis
Beth Evans
Travis Fagan
Shane Ferrell
Rebecca Flaherty
Kyle Fleischmann
Arrow Frisco
Todd Gaffke
Jennie Gibbons
Jason Glicker
Amanda Gomez
Jessica Green
Justin Hanes
Ryan Harland
Kimberly Hatfield
Benjamin Hebel
Miranda Holzbauer
Tyler Huber
Sally Jansen
Kevin Jozwiak
Joshua Jurkovich
James Kenney
K.C. Kindler
Lance Klingens
Nicholas Klemish
Danyelle Larson
James Lawrence
Sarah Lepsy
Nicole Lutz
Patricia Martella
Heather Merchant
Jennifer Millar
Kimberly Mitchell
Amber Moore
Shayla Moore
Carrie Muse
Cody Myers
Kate Nickert
Zachary Ostrander
Tracy Parkinson
Halle Plutko
Shannon Plutko
Colleen Rogers
Jennifer Rusiecki
Amanda St. Amour
Sarah Starks
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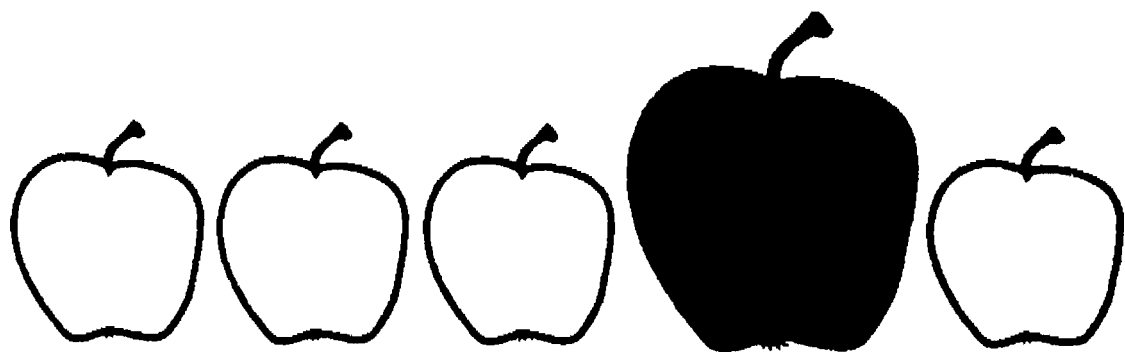
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EMU guest of GHS at Pre State Festival

On Thursday, Feb. 20, the Eastern Michigan University Concert Winds will be at the Joseph Stripe auditorium at Grayling High School for a combined concert with the GHS band as part of the Pre State Festival competition. Under the leadership of Max Plank, director of Bands at Eastern, the concert will feature soloists from the Lucerne (Switzerland) Symphony, with Alexander Wolf on the trombone and Lukas Christinat on the horn.

Max Plank has served Eastern Michigan since 1967 as assistant director of Bands, professor of saxophone, assistant to the head of the Department of Music, and, since 1979, as director of Bands. He received degrees in music education and theory/composition from the Emporia State University, taught in the public schools in Kansas City, and subsequently moved to Michigan where he received the A.Mus.D. in Saxophone Performance from the University of Michigan.

As Director of Bands, he oversees the curricular, performance, and service components of four performing groups, including the Marching Band, conducts the Concert Winds, and supervises a student staff of eight, including three graduate assistants. He also supervises student teachers in instrumental music for the Department of Music.

Alexander Wolf began trombone study at age 13 in the Langenthal Music School in Switzerland. He later attended the Berne Conservatory from which he received a music education

(equivalent) degree and also pursued advance studies in trombone performance. As a student he performed in the Swiss Youth Symphony, the Swiss Concert Band and the Zurich Opera.

In 1992 he became the associate principal trombone of the Lucerne Symphony Orchestra. He is also a member of the Festival Brass Quintet. In addition to his duties in Switzerland, Wolf has toured and performed widely as a soloist, most recently in Japan.

Lukas Christinat was born in Burgdorf, Switzerland and first studied on the violin, later switching to horn which he studied with Kurt Hanke in Bern. He continued to study in the Lucerne Conservatory until he was accepted in the class of Hermann Baumann at the Folkwang Hochschule in Essen, Germany, from which he received his diploma. He pursued further study with Jakob Hefti in Lucerne.

Christinat has been the principal horn of the Lucerne Symphony Orchestra since 1991. He is also a member of the Festival Brass Quintet, the Lucerne Wind Soloists, and the European Horn Sextet. He teaches in music schools in Sarnen and Liestal and is director of the Obwalden Horn Ensemble. He is organizing the first Swiss Horn Workshop, which will occur in the spring of 1997.

Following an opening number by the Concert Winds Brass, the Grayling High School Band, under the direction of Dennis Ormsbee, will take to the

stage to perform selections that they will play at the annual State Competition. This year's selections include: "Florentiner," by Julius Fuilk, edited by Grand Marcia Italiana and Frederick Fennell; "Sinfonia XVI" and "Transcendental Vienna," by Timothy Broege; and "Incantations," by Robert Smith.

Dennis Ormsbee received his Bachelor of Music Educator Degree with a Minor in Applied Music (Trumpet) from Northern Michigan University. He did graduate work at Northern, University of Michigan and the University of Wisconsin.

Ormsbee taught in the Atlanta, Michigan, schools for 13 years prior to coming to Grayling, and is now in his 11th year as band director with the Crawford AuSable Schools.

Ormsbee has been the conductor of the District IX Honors Band three times. He is a member of the American School Band Directors Association and is on the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Associations State Committee on Festival Improvements.

In 1992 and 1994, Ormsbee was nominated by District II MSBOA for Director of the Year.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. curtain. Tickets at \$3.50 for students and \$4 for adults may be purchased at the door or by calling 348-7641 ext. 123. Parents of band members performing in the concert should contact the GHS Music Department for special ticket arrangements.

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BITS OF TALK

By Fay Bovee

Telephone — 348-7017

Lee Morrill of Virginia has been spending some time in the Grayling area visiting relatives and staying with his aunt, Kay Hunter.

Julie (nee Huss) and James Koli of Ypsilanti are the happy parents of Jordan Jakob who was born on Feb. 1, 1997, at University Hospital in Ann Arbor. He weighed 7 pounds and was 20-1/2 inches in length. John and Sharon Huss of Grayling are the very pleased grandparents as it is their first grandchild. Other grandparents are Peggy and Ed Koli of Rockaway Beach, New York. Sharon spent a week in Ypsilanti with her daughter and husband, and John spent several days.

The second employee of the Crawford County Avalanche that we are featuring is Debbie St. Germain who has been with the paper for about eight years. She has been an advertising sales representative since she started working there. The former Debbie Niederer, she graduated from Grayling High School in 1970; and has two

daughters, Jessica, 17, a senior at Grayling High School and Jillian, 14, who is in the eighth grade at Grayling Middle School.

Beverly Halliday spent some time in DeWitt with her daughter and family, Gerry and Gar Martin. The Martins have moved from Lansing to a house in DeWitt which they have been remodeling. Bev spent the time helping with the painting.

Nicole Gingerich, daughter of Carla Jean and Bob Gingerich, is attending Central Michigan University. She belongs to the CMU Chapter of the Michigan Society of Gerontology who is doing a study called "Golden Commitment." The object of the study is to determine what factors have kept married couples together for fifty years or more. She is looking for couples who have been married for fifty years or more or who will be celebrating their fiftieth anniversary this year and are willing to submit to a two-hour taped interview. The project will run from January to August of this year. Anyone interested is asked to contact Nicole at 517-774-4222.

If you have any questions about the above project, please feel free to call me, Fay, at 348-7017, as I had read about it in our CMU Alumni news.

LeRoy 'Snooks' Akers is home again after having spent a month in Mercy Hospital recovering from the flu and pneumonia. He would be happy to hear from his friends.

Tressa Fenton is now at Mercy Manor. She would enjoy hearing from her friends or have them come to visit with her at the Manor.

Bernie and Pat Fowler spent the months of November and December in Florida. It was both a business trip and a vacation.

Gloria and Pete Stephan spent four days in Lansing last week where they attended the MidWinter Conference of the Michigan Association of Chiefs

of Police where Pete serves as its president for the year.

I have to make a personal comment about a couple of people that are leaving Grayling very shortly — Nancy and Jerry Meyer will be greatly missed by many people and organizations in the community. They have become an integral part of the community, helping with many activities and advertising Grayling's many good qualities. We will miss you very much, Nancy and Jerry, but we understand the circumstances of family and the lure of seeing a grandchild grow up. Best of everything to you!

Guests of Mrs. Doris Sorenson over the weekend were her daughter, Marcia Sullivan and family of Marlette. They also came to enjoy the skiing and the Winter Wolf Weekend at Hanson Hills.

Bob and I enjoyed our Sunday afternoon at Hanson Hills where we talked to people and showed them historical pictures of the Grayling Winter Sports Park days. The collection is the property of the Crawford County Historical Museum and is on view there during the summer. Both townspeople and out-of-towners enjoyed the scenes of snow trains, ski jump, queens and toboggan slides and those not familiar with the history of the park asked many questions.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

By Jan Farley

Special thought for the week: *Hunt for the good points in your friends. Remember, they have to do the same in your case.*

I hope the groundhog knew what he was doing in Punxsutawney this year. He didn't see his shadow and that is supposed to mean an early spring. I'm ready.

The folks are having a wonderful time playing "pantry bingo" on Fridays. They start a 1 p.m. and are through around 3, so come join the fun and win a few groceries.

Happenings at the center: Birthday luncheon at 12:30 on Feb. 12; Foot clinic and blood pressures taken from 11 a.m. to noon on Feb. 13; Sunday Potluck at 4 p.m. on Feb. 16; COA Board meeting at 5:30 on Feb. 19; Legal help at 1:30 on Feb. 21.

Please call for an appointment if help is needed for taxes, heating credit, prescription credit, etc. Help will be here every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning on Feb. 11 — 517-348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500.

Stop by or give the center a call with any questions, need help or just for fun (308 Lawndale — 348-7123 or toll free 1-888-355-4500). Remember, if your life isn't becoming to you... you should become to us.

The center serves meals at noon and 5 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and at noon on Friday. Vegetable and fruit salad bar on Tuesday; Soup served on Monday and Wednesday; and bread, juice and milk offered with each meal. There is \$1.50 donation for seniors, and \$3 for those under 60. Please try to make a reservation by calling 348-7123. Menus are subject to change without notice.

Lunch/Dinner

February

- 12—Pork Steak/Chicken Pot Pie
- 13—Baked Ham/Beef Stew
- 14—Meatloaf/no dinner
- 17—Meatballs/Pepper Steak
- 18—Chopped Sirloin/Beef Tips and Noodles
- 19—Liver and Onions/Ham
- 20—Italian Pork/Chicken and Dumplings
- 21—Home Pride Steak/no dinner

OBITUARIES

Henry Rozanski

Henry J. (Hank) Rozanski, 67, died suddenly at home on Friday, Jan. 24, 1997.

Mr. Rozanski was retired captain of the Detroit Fire Department, a member of the American Legion Post 0161, VFW Post 1278, and a member of the Detroit Firefighters Association.

He retired to Grayling with many friends.

Mr. Rozanski was the beloved husband of Connie; loving father of Dan (Cheryl), Donna (Jon) Stevens, Joe (Nicole), and the late Michael; dearest grandfather of Hannah, Seth, Alana and Danielle; and great-grandfather of Heather.

Services were held in Detroit.

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Mom, Dad and Richard

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Son, Richard and wife Joanne
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I hold my head up high,
Even now that you've passed.
I can't remember the time I saw you last.
The days went by, as you got sicker and worse.
It was like some horrible curse.
There's not one thing in the world,
That you wouldn't do for me.
You had the biggest heart
That anyone could see.
When you got sick, it broke my heart.
Cause I knew you weren't the kind of person
who could sit around and mope.
Everyone in the family misses you so.
You were one of the greatest Bristows I know.
You loved Grayling.
Like nothing else in the world.
You would always bring me with you there
in your heart there was so much care.
We used to sit on the porch together,
talking about old times.
Then came the day we had to say good-bye.
And even though the tears were there,
I tried not to cry.
I know that you watch over me as I lay in bed.
Even now that you passed,
And I know that another time
We will meet at last.
And it will be so very sweet.
I really love and miss you,
Great-grandmother, very much.
And all I have to say, is that me and everyone
in the family miss your very special touch.

Cheryle Bristow
Age 14

Card of thanks

Thank you.

To the Doctors and Nurses in Mercy Hospital for their wonderful care; to the North Flight crew; and all the friends and family well-wishers for the concern and prayers during my recent stay in the hospital.

Thank You — All.

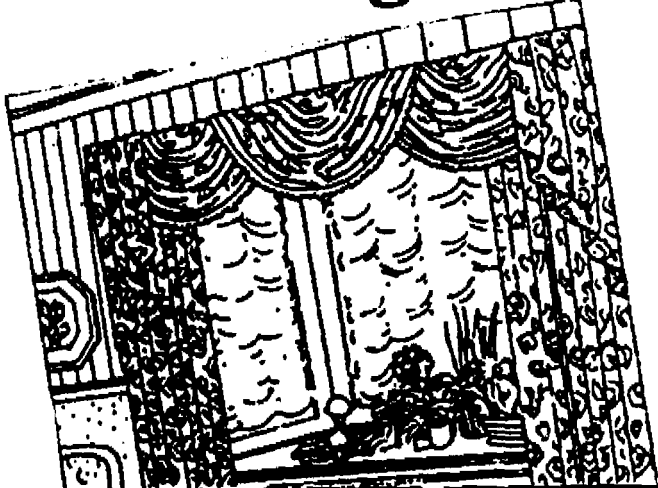
Larry Wakeley

Card of thanks

To Glen's Market, Rochette's, Goodale's Bakery, volleyball parents, junior varsity volleyball team and Susan Dedafae — Thank you for the donations and help at Saturday's volleyball tournament.

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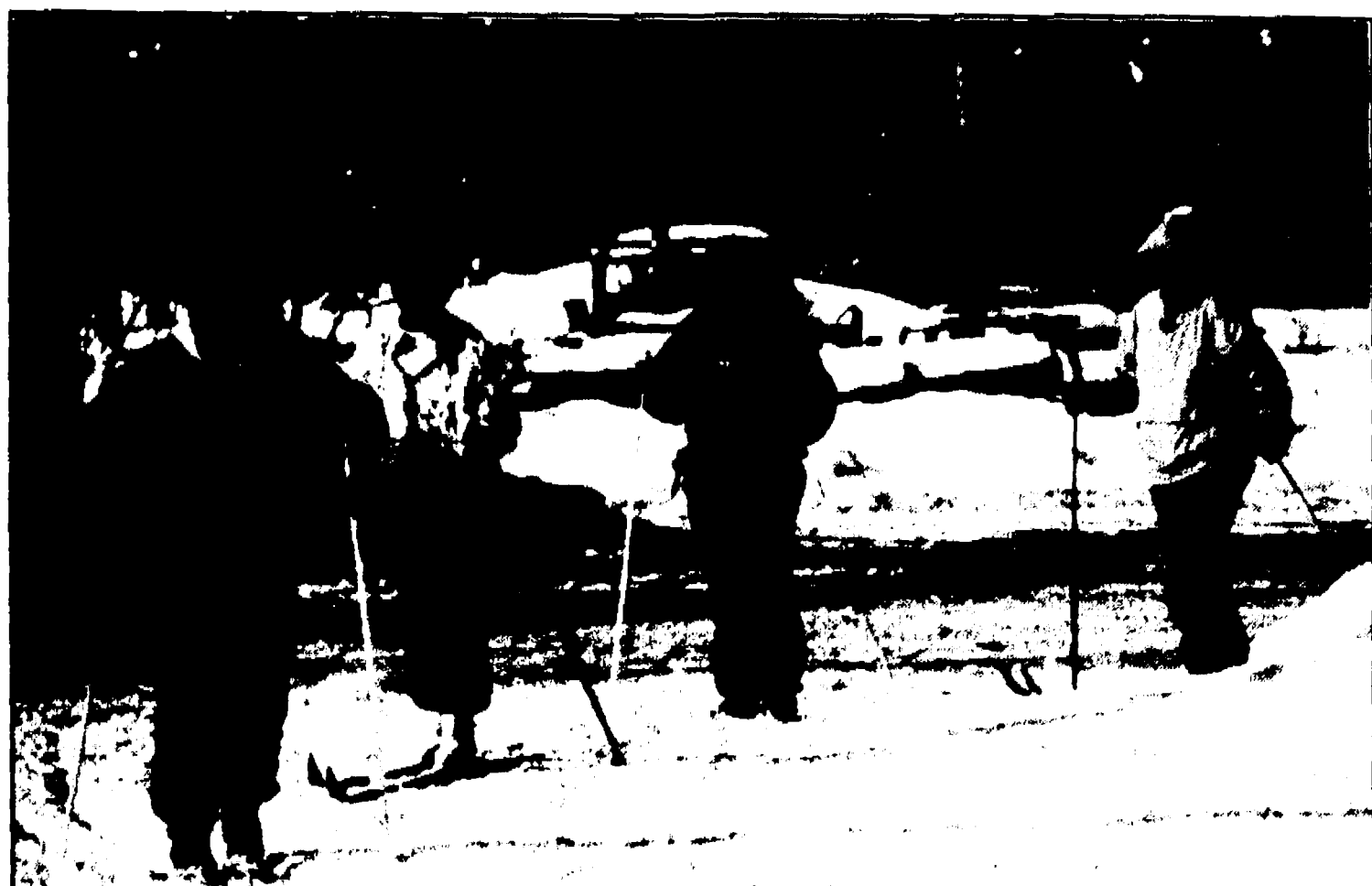
HELPING OUT — Gerry Schroeder, director of the Crawford County Christian Help Center, receives a check for \$200. The check was from Grayling Lodge #356, F&AM and the Michigan Masonic Foundation. The presentation was made by Allen Schreiner, worshipful master of the Grayling lodge.

NOTES NORTHERN



Section B Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, February 13, 1997



SKIING THE TRAIL -- These classical cross country skiers ski the trail at Hanson Hills during the Winter Wolf Festival.

Skiers make time in downhill race

A downhill ski race for all ages as part of the Winter Wolf Festival. The competitors finished as follows:

Cody Curtis, 7, 38.45; Austin Stauffer, 8, 34.97; Paul Jansen, 8, 31.00; Wade McGregor, 8, 38.75; Jodi Riddle, 9, 34.49; Jayce Guillen, 9, 42.59; Bill Schwartz, 9, 40.12; David Fleischmann, 9, 35.15; Patrick McNally, 9, 35.68; Trevor Clough, 9, 35.82;

Jon Handy, 10, 34.34; Laura Gorski, 10, 37.85; Heather Vandecar, 10, 37.82;

Andria Alvarez, 11, 36.15; Eric Olson, 11, 43.66; Matt Seager, 11, 34.28; Nate Mueller, 11, 37.03;

Joey Highlen, 12, 33.09; Joni Ames, 12, 34.10; Charina Steward, 12, 37.04; Keil Clough, 12, 29.16; Eric Hart, 12, 33.37;

Dave Schwartz, 13, 35.56; Ben McNally, 13, 32.88; Ryan Stahl, 13, 27.25;

Jason Boreo, 14, 28.71; Jeff Montagne, 14, 28.49; Matt Thomas, 14, 31.82; James Homes, 14, 33.13; Cameron McClain, 14, 30.48;

Armand Lawrence, 16, 36.41; Josh Mueller, 16, 27.47; Brian Stauffer, 40, 33.50; and Ivy Schwartz, 45, 42.93.

All participants received ribbons.



SNOWSHOEING -- Alex McNamara takes part in the snowshoe obstacle course at the Winter Wolf Festival. The festival was held Feb. 8 and 9 at Hanson Hills.



LEARNING TO SKI -- Five-year-old Jenny Morneau is helped along by her father Tom and mother Julie. The family was enjoying the Winter Wolf Festival at Hanson Hills.

Arrows fly at archery challenge

The 1997 Bears Bowmen Snowshoe Archery Challenge was held on Sunday, Feb. 9, at the Winter Wolf festival.

The challenge involved a mile run and a bow-and-arrow target shoot.

In the adult male division Bryan Stauffer placed first in 4:56. Larry Knanaby placed second in 5:45. Placing third was Mike Phillips in 5:50.

In the women's division Gretchen Reiser placed first in 10:02. Rebekah Reiser placed second in 10:34. In third was Ivy Schwartz finishing in 11:44.

In the youth division Eric Hart finished first in 8:53. Austin Stauffer finished second in 9:27. David Schwartz finished in third place in 11:07.



FOR THE FIRST TIME -- Megan Gier, Jackson, tried skiing for the first time at Hanson Hills during the Winter Wolf Festival.

Chili, olympics winners announced

The Winter Wolf Festival chili cook-off winner had to be decided in a five-person taste-off.

The taste-off between Mercy Hospital and the Iron Gate Restaurant resulted in a first place win for Mercy Hospital.

Mercy has won the chili cook-off four out of the last five years. The Iron Gate Restaurant, which won the re-

maining year, came in second place.

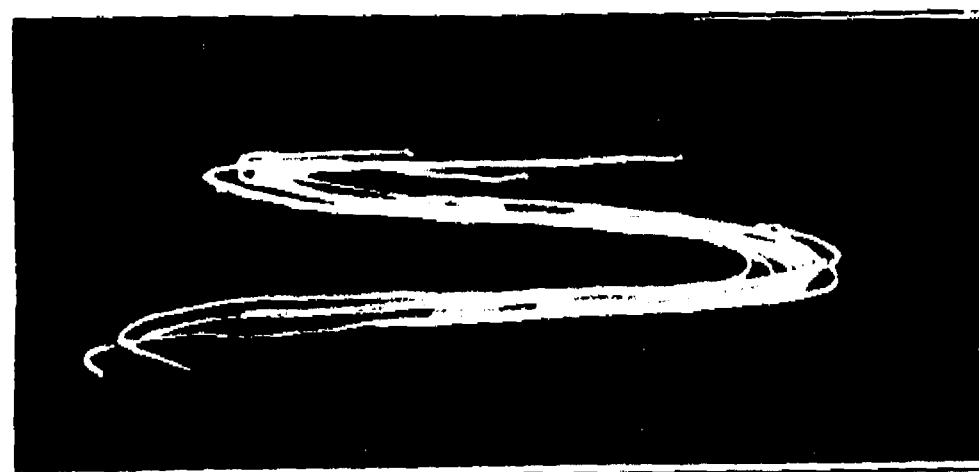
The third place winner was Mercy Hospital with a second batch of chili.

In the Business Olympics Holiday Inn placed first.

A tie resulted for the second place finishers of the Comfort Center and Gannon Broadcasting.

Mercy Hospital placed third.

Both events were sponsored by Gannon Broadcasting.



THE STREAK -- Members of the Grayling High School ski team conduct a torch parade at the Winter Wolf Festival held Feb. 8 and 9.



AIRBORNE -- Snowboarders competed at the Winter Wolf Festival in both slalom and the half pipe.

Snowboarders compete at Winter Wolf

At the Winter Wolf Festival, held Feb. 8 and 9, the snowboarders were able to show off their stuff in both a slalom and in the half pipe.

In the slalom, the competitors placed as follows: Jeremy Tobias, first; Chip Mason, second; Armand Lawrence, third; Tony Hentkowski, fourth; Nate Niederer, fifth; Mike Ostwald, sixth; and Erik Olson, seventh.

In the half pipe, competition was by age.

In the 11 and 12-year-old division Erik Olson placed first with Eric Hunter placing second.

In the 14- and 15-year-old division, Noah Nethers placed first followed by Jeremy Tobias in second.

In the 16- and 17-year-old division Chip Mason placed first, Armand Lawrence, placed second, Tony Hentkowski placed third and Miquel Perez placed fourth.

Obstacle course held at Winter Wolf

The 1997 Citizen's Bank Race Clinic at Hanson Hills ran its annual Winter Wolf obstacle course this past week.

"The turn out was strong as the field of school age kids through adults raced for the top finishes," John Alef said.

"The course included limbo gates, a ski backwards zone and a dive through inner tubes with a lengthy crawl to the finish.

In the pre-school to kindergarten group Michael Olson skied his way to a first place finish.

In the first and second grade girls group Sivehan Taylor finished first, followed by Rachel Doremire.

Rocky McNamara was the top finisher for the first and second grade boys. Kody Diola was second and Andrew Hart was third.

The top finisher for the third and fourth grade girls was Jill Seager, Mallory Olson was second and Madeleine Taylor third.

Trevor Clough was the top finisher for the third and fourth grade boys,

followed by Nick Terry, Alex McNamara, Jimmy Jansen, Patrick McNally and Paul Montagne.

In the fifth and sixth grade girls group Andrea Alvarez skied to the top finish, Allison Diola was second, Lexi Bondar was third.

Joey Highlen held his own as he led the fifth and sixth grade boys. He was followed by Eric Hunter, Matt Seager, Liam Taylor and Nate Mueller.

Geoff Montagne was the second fastest skier of the day as he led the seventh and eighth grade boys. Damien Fleischmann was second with Ben McNally coming in third. Keil Clough was fourth and Eric Hart was fifth.

In the women's age 31 to 60 group Vickie Hart proved to be the fastest skier/crawler of the day. Julie Calkins was second, Julie Doremire was third and Katie McNamara was fourth. Brenda Vaughan was fifth, Chris Seager was sixth and Mary Taylor was seventh.

For the men, Thane Doremire had the fastest run of the day as he proved he could crawl with the best of them. Bill Hart was second, Mark McNally third, Steve Seager was fourth, Tony

Diola was fifth, Jim Montagne was sixth, David Taylor was seventh and Mike Langhough was eighth.



GOING TO SKATE -- Brian Stauffer carries his daughter, Amy, to the newly created ice rink at Hanson Hills.



TIEING SKATES -- Paul Zill helps his daughter, Katie, tie her ice skates. The family was enjoying the weather at the Winter Wolf Festival by skating at the new ice rink.

Photos by Lisa Hofman



ON TARGET -- Larry Kanaby (215) and Scott Chamberlain (218) shoot at the target during the Snowshoe Archery Challenge. Kanaby placed in the top three of the adult male category of the competition.

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Grayling's 'Fab Five' lead grapplers to runner-up finish at conference

by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

They did it again. After becoming the first Grayling wrestlers in school history to win five individual championships in a row at the same tournament, the "Fab Five" did it again on Saturday, Feb. 8.

Saturday's tournament wasn't just any old tournament either. This was the last Great Northern Conference Championships ever. The teams which make up the conference will split apart and join separate conferences next season.

The five conference champions for the Viking squad were Eddie Davis (125 lbs.), Dave Shepherd (130), Ben Malonen (135), Jason Hall (140) and Josh Taylor (145).

The five first-place finishers and five other Viking placers led the team to a second-place finish for the conference team championship. Rogers City, which was favored going into the meet, was awarded the last Great Northern Conference Championship trophy.

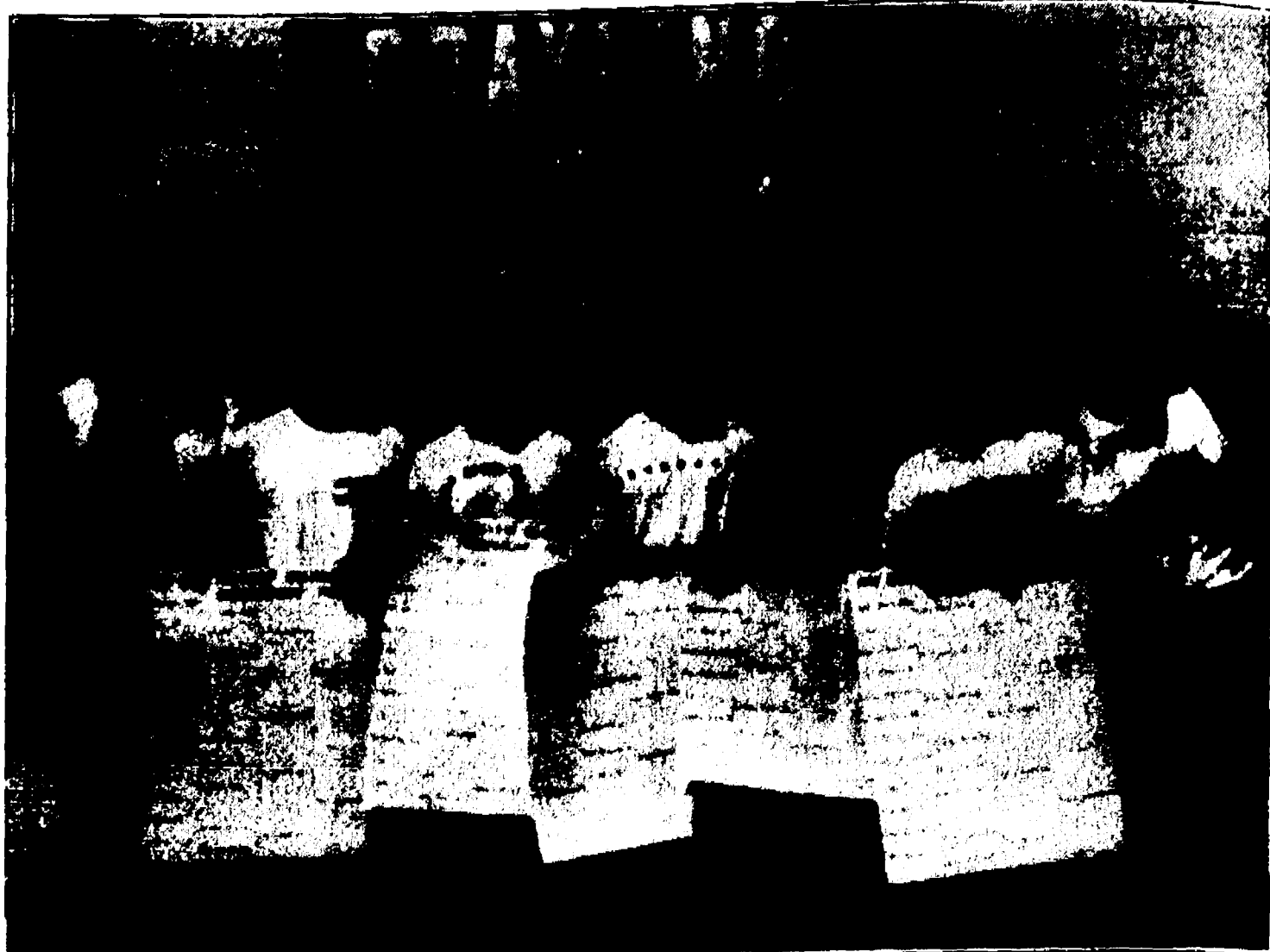
The Hurons outdistanced the field, scoring 221.5 points. The Vikings finished in the runner-up position with 166 points. The Cardinals from Onaway ended up third with 123.5 points.

Davis, a Grayling senior, dominated the 125-pound weight class field, improving his season record to 29-4. Davis, who was the number one seed, beat his final opponent, 6-0.

Shepherd, a junior, followed Davis' lead by blowing through the 130-pound weight class. Shepherd, who improved his record to 33-8, registered two first-period pins and a 14-3 win to earn the championship.

Malonen, who was the second seed, beat the number one seed, Andy Centala, in an exciting 6-5 match to earn the 135-pound title. The Grayling junior raised his season mark to 26-5.

Seniors Hall and Taylor finished the five-man streak. Hall kept his 36-2 record in tact by advancing with a bye, a pin, and winning the 140-pound



THE CHAMPS -- Five Grayling wrestlers won the conference title in their weight class at the conference meet on Saturday, Feb. 8. The coaches and the champions are, from left: assistant coach Dan Benkert, Josh Taylor, Jason Hall, Ben Malonen, Dave Shepherd, Eddie Davis and head coach Don Ferguson.

championship with a 10-4 victory.

Taylor used a bye and two pins to win the 145-pound title. The wrestler's record now stands at 32-7.

Two Vikings finished second in their respective weight divisions. Josh Niederer (112) fell to the number one seed in the finals, ending up second. His record moved to 23-14 on the season.

One of the biggest surprises of the

conference meet was the performance turned in by Joe Medeiros (152). The number three seed in the 152-pound weight class upset the number two seed to finish second, improving his record to 25-11.

Other medalists for the Vikings were third-place finishers, Matt Evon (103) and Armands Graube (171), and fourth-place finisher, Dana Beckwith (119).

The grapplers from Grayling were hoping to continue the momentum gained at the conference meet at the team districts. The districts for the Grayling squad were scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 12 at Benzie Central.

The individual districts will take place on Saturday, Feb. 15 at Gladwin. The top four finishers in each weight class at the individual districts will advance to the regionals.



HEAD AND ARM -- Jason Hall uses a head-and-arm pinning move to win his match against Rogers City's Greg Pietsch. Hall has been one of the driving forces behind the Viking wrestling team. Hall defeated all comers Saturday to win the conference championship in his weight class.
Photo by Eric Gaertner.

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Holding Ben
Viking
of the week

Wrestling Ben Malonen

Viking junior Ben Malonen was chosen Viking of the Week for winning the 135-pound conference championship at a home meet on Saturday, February 8. He lost to his Rogers City opponent two times prior to this meet, but came back and defeated him in the finals.

Basketball team keeps fighting for wins

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

The Grayling High School boys varsity basketball team hosted East Jordan on Friday, Feb. 7. The Vikings played an aggressive game and challenged East Jordan until the second half, when East Jordan was able to gain a comfortable lead. The Vikings were defeated 62-44.

The Vikings continue to struggle on offense and this showed with a nine point first quarter and an eight point third quarter.

East Jordan (11-3) had a height advantage and showed their dominance on the boards early by outrebounding the Vikings 12 to 5. The Vikings improved on their rebounding throughout the game but were still outrebounded 39 to 27.

"Defensively, we played well enough to win. East Jordan shot 36 percent from the field and we took some inside scoring opportunities away from them," said head coach Rich Moffit.

Through this entire season the Vikings have struggled on the offensive end, but are a pleasure to watch defensively. The hustle and aggressiveness is exciting, unfortunately the offense can not maintain enough pressure to help the defense out.

"We shot 31 percent from the floor and missed 17 shots from inside of 7 feet," said Moffit.



PRESS DEFENSE — Ben Haskel pressures the ball handler from Onaway in recent varsity basketball action. Haskel and the rest of the Vikings have been playing inspired defense even when the offense is not clicking.

Photo by Craig Hofman.

"We were impressed with the play of sophomore Brad Ritter," said Moffit. The Vikings were lead in scoring by Brad Ritter who had 17 points. Nate Hinkle and Sam Modica both had 7

and Dave Sabin added 5. Sam Modica lead the Vikings with 5 assists and 8 rebounds. The Vikings only shot one-for-seven from the three-point line.

Holiday Inn
Viking
of the week

Basketball
Sam Modica

Viking senior Sam Modica was chosen Viking of the week. He scored seven points, had five assists and eight rebounds against East Jordan.

The Vikings record fell to 2-11. The Vikings hosted Roscommon on Tuesday, Feb. 11, and travel to Lincoln-Alcona on Friday, Feb. 14.

Three Grayling Vikings ski to all league honors

by Craig Hofman
Sports Writer

Grayling High School skiers Travis Hopp, Eric Thompson and Katie Olson made the Great Northern Ski League's Dream Teams in the league meet at Nub's Nub on Tuesday, Feb. 4.

All finished on the second squads.

Holiday Inn
Viking
of the week

Skiing
Eric Thompson

Viking sophomore Eric Thompson was chosen Viking of the Week for leading the boys' team in total low score for the week.

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Travis Hopp and Katie Olson placed in the giant slalom and Eric Thompson placed in the slalom.

Travis Hopp finished 2 seconds off of making the first team. Hopp finished seventh.

Eric Thompson missed placing on the first team by 6 seconds and Katie Olson missed by 1.3 seconds.

Both Eric and Katie are sophomores with bright futures ahead.

Harbor Springs hosted the league meet and won both the girls and boys championships for the league that consists of 10 teams.

The Vikings finished fifth in both the boys and girls competition.

There were 60 skiers in both the boys and girls competition.

Katie Olson finished at the top for the lady Vikings finishing 12th in the giant slalom and 17th in the slalom. Brooke Gintner followed with a 19th finish in both events.

Amanda Febey was 29th in the slalom and 16th in the giant slalom. Jenni Jurkovich placed 27th in slalom and 26th in giant slalom.

Kim Hartman fell in the slalom placing 37th and placed 21st in the giant slalom. Kristen Kearney was disqualified in the slalom and placed 18th in the giant slalom.

"The boys team skied a bit conservative in the slalom after placing fourth in the giant slalom," said coach Mike Wieland.

Travis Hopp was the top Viking with a 14th in slalom and a 7th in the giant slalom. Eric Thompson followed with an 8th in the slalom and a 21st in the giant slalom.

Jason Steele placed 20th in the slalom and 19th in the giant slalom. Colin Hunter was disqualified in the second run of the slalom after a good first run that placed him second on Grayling's team and finished 24th in

the giant slalom. Josh Mueller placed 30th in slalom and 42nd in giant slalom. Jason Boreo placed 37th in slalom and 36th in giant slalom.

The Vikings had a rare Saturday meet at Sylvan Resort hosted by Flushing High School.

The Grayling boys team won their part of the invitational and the Flushing girls won the girls part of the invitational.

The Viking ladies were second overall out of five teams.

Katie Olson led the girls placing second in the giant slalom and seventh in the slalom. Kim Hartman was seventh in the giant slalom and fifth in the slalom.

Brooke Gintner placed 11th in the giant slalom and 6th in the slalom. Amanda Febey placed 10th in the giant slalom and 14th in the slalom.

Kristen Kearney placed 12th in the giant slalom and 16th in the slalom. Jenni Jurkovich placed 16th and 15th respectively.

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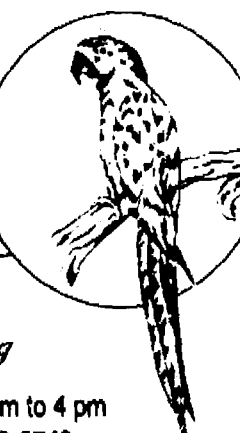
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Average Base: 12-15 inches. Surface Conditions: Excellent, freshly groomed, eight trails open. Deep track set, Snow Cat combed. Hours: Open Friday & Saturday, 9 am to 9 pm; Sunday through Thursday, 10 am to 6 pm. Lighted trail open Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays, dusk til 9 pm. (517) 821-6661. Special Note: Serving hot chocolate and hot dogs on Saturdays in the Trapper's Cabin. Free skiing clinic Saturday, 4 pm, for classic and skating.

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Vikings battle through busy schedule

Holiday Inn
Viking
of the week



Volleyball
Nicole Craigie
Viking junior Nicole Craigie was chosen Viking of the Week because she was one of three Vikings who received all-tournament recognition at a home meet on Saturday. She is an intimidating blocker.

Holiday Inn
Viking
of the week



Skiing
Amanda Febey
Viking sophomore Amanda Febey was chosen Viking of the Week for placing in all four races this week, for the Viking's team score.

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Women's Pool League


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by Eric Gaertner
News Editor

The Grayling volleyball team started off on an amazing hot streak at Saturday's tournament, but fell short in the semi-final round.

The Grayling Subway Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 8, was just a part of the busy week of action for the Viking spikers.

The Vikings had a lot of momentum going into being the host team for the tournament. Grayling had won its last 10 games in a row entering the tournament.

They kept the momentum going in pool play by winning seven of eight games.

Grayling took care of Beaverton, 15-1 and 15-1, in the first match of the day. The Vikings continued their dominance, defeating Atlanta, 15-3 and 15-6. Lake City provided a little more of a challenge, but Grayling still won two, 15-6 and 15-12. Grayling split with Harrison, 12-15 and 15-6.

The 7-1 pool play mark put Grayling number one in its pool with Lake City number two. Roscommon was number in the other pool, with Gaylord earning the number two spot.

Gaylord was too much for Grayling in the semifinals. The Vikings fell to the Blue Devils, 6-15, 15-6 and 10-15. Grayling ended up fourth in the tournament, losing to Lake City in the consolation final, 6-15 and 5-15.

Grayling, which was without two players due to sickness and injury, ran out of gas at the all-day tournament.

"We started to show some fatigue against Gaylord," Coach Rebecca Brown said. "Gaylord was hitting strongly and blocking well."

According to Brown, her team had trouble recovering from the Gaylord loss for the Lake City match. The Vikings wanted to have a chance to play Roscommon for first, so it was emotionally hard to recover.

Nicole Craigie, Amy Godlewski and

Jessica St. Germain led the Vikings during the tournament. The three were honored as members of the all-tournament team.

St. Germain led the squad in spikes with 58 and Craigie was right behind her with 48 spikes. The pair also led the team in blocks. Craigie finished with 45 and St. Germain added 23. Godlewski was the team leader in sets with 154.

The long streak of action was too much for Grayling, as the Vikings lost three straight to Gladwin at home on Monday, Feb. 10. The final scores were 8-15, 9-15 and 11-15.

"We never got into a rhythm against Gladwin," Brown said. "They took advantage of that fact like any good team would."

St. Germain finished with 16 spikes against Gladwin. Craigie finished with 11 spikes and 5 blocks. Kristie Cadeau and Godlewski each had 33 sets.

The two contests before the tournament were against Alcona and Mancelona at home. Grayling swept three games from each of them.

Grayling defeated Alcona by the scores of 15-9, 15-13 and 15-10. Rebecca Shahan, St. Germain and Craigie led the team in spikes. Godlewski finished with 21 serves and 47 sets.

The next night on Thursday, Feb. 6, Grayling defeated Mancelona, 15-5, 15-12 and 15-12. Jamie McGuire had one of her best matches of the season, finishing with 18 spikes and 15 serves.



LISTEN CAREFULLY — Coach Rebecca Brown goes over strategy with the Viking volleyball players during a timeout. The Grayling spikers finished fourth at the invitational tournament.

Photo by Eric Gaertner

BOWLING LEAGUE

Sunday Night Mixed	Friday Night Mixed Doubles	Senior Citizens League
Us & Them 21-11	A. Bulldog Towing 22-10	Toten's Body Shop 49.5-34.5
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Mac's Drugs 17-15	Cedar Maple 16-16	Century "21" Realty 44-40
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All Seasons Drywall 11-21	No-Fear 13-19	Sylvester's Sports 34-50
D.A.M.M. 9-23	Tee-N-Such 12-20	Baynham Wood Products 33-51
Men's High Game: J. Helsel, 212; M. Ashworth, 203, 188; J. Prosser, 179.	Men's High Game: L. Rioux, 211; D. Lozon, 203, 188; J. Prosser, 179.	Men's High Game: H. Ingram, 179; O. Brantley, 174; D. Germain, R. Dandy, 163.
Men's High Series: J. Helsel, 532; R. Pyle, 526; R. Adkinson, 525.	Men's High Series: D. Lozon, 523; L. Rioux, 513; J. Prosser, 504.	Men's High Series: H. Ingram, 474; O. Brantley, 469; D. Germain 437.
Women's High Game: Y. Schreiber, 200; M. Starks, 182; S. Sumner, 175.	Women's High Game: Y. Schreiber, 210; K. Moshier, 203; K. Lozon, 193.	Women's High Game: M. Frankenfield, 195; D. Hall, 191; P. Harris, 164.
Women's High Series: J. Hinds, 502; Y. Schreiber, 500; S. Sumner, 481.	Women's High Series: K. Moshier, 524; K. Lozon, 517; B. Lozon, 486.	Women's High Series: D. Hall, 462; M. Frankenfield, 435; P. Harris, 434.
Northwood	Recreation League	Pioneer League
House of Cabinets 21	North Country R.V. 20-8	Millikin's 20-8
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Wakeley's Auto Parts 18	Mark 8 13-15	Chemical Bank 14-14
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Millikin's 13	Peterson Saw Service 11-17	Aunt Betty's 12-16
Glen's 11	Glen's Market 9-19	Mercy Hospital 9-19
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High Game: M. Miller, 247; M. Starks, 203; B. Walker, 189.	High Game: L. Dellar, 194; S. Morse, 191; A. Maser, 185.	High Game: E. Helsel, 182; J. Hinds, 181; J. Goltuck, 175.
High Series: M. Miller, 587; M. Starks, 535; S. France, 520.	High Series: S. Grant, 508; L. Dellar, 500; M. Perez, 496.	High Series: E. Helsel, 501; J. Hinds, 487; J. Yoder, 459.
National First League	Triangle League	American Men's League
Moore's Auto Parts 18-6	Airway Auto 21-3	Auto Parts 23-12
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High Game: G. Wolfe, 214; D. Canfield, 211; D. Germain, 211.	High Game: R. Schreiber, 221; J. Helsel, 219; L. Rioux, 211.	High Game: L. Davis Jr., 266; J. Helsel, 222; D. Germain, 211.
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The other competitors (with total points in parentheses) are as follows:

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Dan Corwin and Butch Corwin (1,201), Jason LaForge and Mary LaForge (1,200), Chris Francis and Rose Bindschattel (1,195);

Jenson Dreasky and Mike Dreasky (1,194), Darcie Lovely and Beth Press (1,191), Jason LaForge and Barry LaForge (1,190), Jerry Langowski and Andy Langowski (1,188);

Charles Armstrong and Dennis Beach (1,188), Jon Handy and Don Handy (1,184), Mike Arwood and Joel Arwood (1,182), Josh Halstead and Gary Ginther (1,180);

Amber Sturdivant and Dave Ray (1,178), Rusty Strohpaal and Bonnie Strohpaal (1,177), Doug Wilhelm and Joel Arwood (1,176), Doug Wilhelm and Willard Hunt (1,176);

Curtis Marculewicz and Kevin Marculewicz (1,176), Dana Ashton and Vickie Ashton (1,176), Jerry Langowski and Jason Lozon (1,174);

Charlene Helsel and Jake Helsel (1,174), Rusty Strohpaal and Joel Arwood (1,171), Steve Gildner and Luke Helsel (1,171), Travis Gildner and Deb Helsel (1,171);

Kalub Fedak and Fred Fedak (1,171), Jenni Root and Bob Harris (1,166), Doug Wilhelm and Shelly Nolph (1,162);

Doug Wilhelm and Jodee Golinick (1,162), Whitney Keir and Matt Keir (1,162), Samantha Davis and Jill

Andersen (1,159);

Shane Isenhausser and Delbert Bailey (1,158), Alley Helsel and Ginger Murray (1,156), Doug Wilhelm and Larry Nolph (1,155), Nickole Hatley and Jim Hatley (1,155);

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Nick McNamar and Paul McNamar (1,141), Mallory Sager and Gary Sager (1,139), Justin Davis and Jill Andersen (1,135), Danielle Fedak and Linda Fedak (1,135);

Nate Miller and Cindy Miller (1,134), Matt Root and Trina Root (1,134), Jessica Golinick and Chris Goeschke (1,132);

Jenson Dreasky and Kay Osowski (1,132), Deb Harris and Ed Harris (1,131), Shawn Lozon and Jason Lozon (1,127), Shane Isenhausser and Galah Isenhausser (1,127);

April Wheeler and Rose Bindschattel (1,125), Tyasha Root and Cymtha Root (1,122), Crystal Danniels and Gary Danniels (1,118);

Jamie Bourrie and Dawn Crowell (1,108), Shawn Lozon and Karen Lozon (1,107), Shawn Lozon and Karen Lozon (1,102), Mike Cousins and Janelle Cousins (1,093);

D.J. Canfield and Dan Canfield (1,092), Stacy Helsel and Paula Birch (1,092), Nikki Strohpaal and Bob Trudeau (1,080), Todd Roberson and Phillip Roberson (1,080), and J.R. Ginther and Don Ginther (1,075).

The awards that each family twosome won will awarded at the bowling banquet in March.

YOUTH BOWLING LEAGUE

Young wrestlers start season

The middle school wrestling team opened its 1997 season on Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Roscommon tournament.

The team had a very successful day, with 7 out of 14 weight classes capturing medals.

Winning medals for Grayling in the 6- to 8-year-old group were Joe Ferrigan first and Bill Stewart second.

Winning medals in the 11- to 12-year-old group were Zach VanNuck second, Jessie Cdebaa third, and Roy Middleton third.

Winning medals in the 13- to 14-year-old group were Alfred Borchers third, and Sean Mitchell third.

Other wrestlers winning matches for Grayling were John Guernsey, Nate Haskel, Brandon Pratt and Eric Hunter. The entire team wrestled well.

The next meet is on Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Gladwin High School. Wrestling will begin about 10 a.m. and continue all day.



John and Mark Wejrowski

Third grader perfects skills with Red Wing coaches

by Lisa Hoffman
Staff Reporter

A Grayling third grader recently earned the opportunity to sharpen his skating skills with the coaches of the Detroit Red Wings professional hockey team.

Mark Wejrowski, 8, earned the opportunity after registering to Skate with the Red Wings at a Meijer store in Mt. Pleasant.

"We were down visiting my daughter at Central Michigan University and she jokingly told Mark to register. We never thought he would win," said Mark's father, John.

Mark was allowed to bring one friend to the skating clinic. He brought along Troy and Larry Blasius of Gaylord.

On Sunday, Feb. 2, the four-some traveled to Detroit where Mark and Troy spent over an hour skating at the Joe Louis Arena.

The Red Wings coaches, including Mike Krushelnyski, taught Mark and Troy how to skate backwards, stop, shoot and how to complete a cross-over.

After skating with the coaches, a pizza dinner and guided tour of the Joe Louis Arena were offered. "We got to see the stadium suites, the press box, vending areas, television trucks and where the television stations were going to set up," said John.

After the tour the contest winners and their guests were given free tickets to see the Red Wings defeat the Dallas Stars in overtime.

"I was going wild at the game," said Mark.

According to John, Mark eats, sleeps and breathes hockey and currently skates at the Hanson Hills ice rink, but has plans to join or start a hockey league in the area.

YOUTH BOWLING LEAGUE

Island Hoppers	
Beach Bums	17-3
Treasure Hunters	14-6
Wave Runners	12.5-7.5
Star Gazers	11-9
Radioactive Coconuts	8.5-11.5
Pearl Divers	7-13
Pinakes	7-13
Rain Makers	3-17
Boy's High Game: Doug Wilhelm, 202	
Boy's High Series: Doug Wilhelm, 515	
Girl's High Game: Nikki Strohpaal, 145	
Girl's High Series: Jenni Root, 379	
Beach	
Sand Pipers	15-0
Wild Orchids	10-5
Sea Shells	9-6
Star Fishes	7.5-7.5
Flamingos	7-8
Coconuts	6.5-8.5
Sand Castles	3-12
Jelly Fish	2-13
Boy's High Game: Michael Salyers, 153	
Boy's High Series: Michael Salyers, 257	
Girl's High Game: Ashley Hawley, 153	
Girl's High Series: Ashley Hawley, 250	
Ocean	
Dolphins	10-5
Sea Gulls	10-5
Sea Horses	9-6
Title Waves	8.5-6.5
Hurricanes	8-7
Turtles	7-8
Sharks	4-11
Sting Rays	3.5-11.5
Boy's High Game: Justin Lobsinger, 156	
Boy's High Series: Justin Lobsinger, 250	
Girl's High Game: Darcie Lovely, 99	
Girl's High Series: Darcie Lovely, 167	

GRAYLING BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Spike's	6-1
Holiday Inn	6-2
Sawmill/Geo Signs	5-2
Fox Construction/	
Hinkle RE/MAX	4-4
Weyerhaeuser	4-5
Lange Vending	2-5
Grayling Generating Station	0-8
Lange Vending 73	Jung 34, R. Harland 10, Dannenburg 7, Burrell 6, Cragg 6, Butler 5, Malinowski 3, Hartman 2, Grayling Generating Station 58 — Geers 21, Hanman 12, M. Wakeley 10, Wolcott 9, Nally 6.
Weyerhaeuser 64	Abney 19, Trenary 12, Hull 11, Ruddy 11, Dandy 7, Pollen 4, Sawmill/Geo Signs 52 — Juntila 17, Trudgeon 8, White 8, Dittmer 8, Lutusek 6, M. Doremire 3, T. Doremire 2.
Holiday Inn 60	Smith 19, Simon 14, Madill 13, Hamlin 8, Weiler 4, Weaver 2, Grayling Generating Station 47 — Geers 16, T. Wakeley 8, M. Wakeley 6, Hanman 5, Peters 5, Nally 4, Waite 3.
Spike's 89	Church 31, Kucharek 24, Patterson 14, J. Gardiner 10, Thompson 8, Potter 2, Fox Construction/Hinkle RE/MAX 56 — Swope 14, Ryckman 13, Pummell 9, Donahoe 7, Longendyke 6, Mertes 5, Fox 2.
Weyerhaeuser 81	Trenary 25, Hull 21, Abney 18, Grant 4, Ruddy 4, Pagel 4, Lang 3, Dandy 2, Lange Vending 72 — Jung 25, Burrell 19, Cragg 9, S. Hartman 7, R. Harland 5, M. Jung 5, Dannenburg 2.

Top Ten Scorers: Jung 30.3, Church 20.8, Patterson 18.1, Simon 17.1, Kucharek 16.8, Waite 16.4, Abney 16, Geers 15.1, Kirk 14.3, Hamlin 13.8.

3-point Leaders: Patterson 34, Jung 32, Church 27, Simon 21, Donahoe 13.

Free Throw %: Ryckman 88.8, Church 80.9, Simon 79.1, Fox 75.1, S. Hartman 72.7.

Foul Leaders: Weaver 27, Kirk 24, Burrell 22, Hull 22, Butler 21, T. Wakeley 21.

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LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Stephen Doyle and Ruth Doyle, husband and wife, to the Grayling State Bank. The Mortgage is dated March 2, 1993 and was recorded on March 10, 1993 in Liber 356 on pages 93 to 100 of the Crawford County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Nine and 47/100 (\$11,569.47) Dollars.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on March 5, 1997 at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the front door of the County Building which is located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, which is the location of the Crawford County Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest at the current rate of 7.62% (variable rate) per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in Grayling

Township, Crawford County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the Mortgage as: Lot(s) 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 3, PORTAGE LAKE PARK, SECOND ADDITION, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats on Page 19 of the Crawford County Records.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of the sale unless the property is deemed to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale.

Dated: January 30, 1997
CITIZENS BANK, f/k/a
GRAYLING STATE BANK
Prepared by:
JOHN R. TUCKER (P17348)
WINEGARDEN, SHEDD, HALEY,
LINDHOLM & ROBERTSON, P.L.C.
Attorneys at Law
501 Citizens Bank Building
Flint, MI 48502-1983
(810) 767-3600

-30-6-13-20-27

CRAWFORD COUNTY PERSONNEL & LABOR COMMITTEE December 18, 1996

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hartman at 8:45 p.m. in the County Building on December 18, 1996.

Present: Hartman, Long, McLachlan, Smock, Bretzke, and Black.

Absent: None
Sandra Moore, County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds present.

There were also other visitors present.
— Agreed to immediately forward to Prosecutor John Huss as Labor Counsel, the Class Action Official Grievance Form filed on behalf of the Bargaining Unit and request his response be submitted within the appropriate time. A copy of this said grievance will also be forwarded to Judge Davis and Judge Walsh.
— Entered into Executive Session to discuss the Union Contract Proposals for December 1996 as submitted by AFSCME Union Local 2759.

— Closed Executive Session and returned to the Regular Meeting.

— The Board responded to the Contract Proposals of December 1996 between the Crawford County Employees and the Crawford County 46th Circuit Trial Court Employees Chapter's of Local 2759 Michigan Council 25, AFSCME AFL-CIO.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.
A full context of the meeting minutes is on file in the Clerk's Office.

Sandra Moore,
County Clerk/Reg. of Deeds

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE — Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donna R. WILLOUGHBY, a single woman to CITIZENS BANK (f/k/a Citizens Commercial & Savings Bank, successor by merger to Grayling State Bank). Mortgage, dated December 29, 1991 and recorded on January 6, 1992 in Liber 292 on page 344, and modified by Extension and Modification Agreement dated December 29, 1991 and recorded on January 6, 1992 in Liber 335, Page 505 and by Extension and Modification Agreement dated February 28, 1995 and recorded on April 24, 1995 in Liber 392, Page 626, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Four Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Four and 85/100 dollars (\$4,794.85), including interest at 11.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 11:00 A.M. o'clock, on Wednesday, March 19, 1997.

Said premises are situated in City of GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The Northeastly 54 feet of Lot 1 and the Northeastly 54 feet of the South 1/2 of Lot 2, Block 2, Salling, Hanson and Co.'s addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the recorded plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
Dated: February 6, 1997
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
(810) 642-4202
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys for CITIZENS BANK,
30150 Telegraph
Suite 100
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025
File #97010173
-6-13-20-27-6

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by GLENN R. HAGLE and SUZANN L. HAGLE, husband and wife, whose address is 608 Ottawa Street, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 3197 Logan Valley Road, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgage, dated October 2, 1981, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on October 6, 1981, in Liber 200 of Crawford County Records on Pages 561 through 564, inclusive. By reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of TWENTY-NINETHOUSANDFIVEHUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR AND 17/100 (\$29,564.17) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in Pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at the public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Thursday February 27, 1997 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as

aforsaid then due on said Mortgage together with 13.25 percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit: Lands and premises situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:

The Northeastly half (N.E. 1/2) of Lots 7 and 8, Block 6, Hadleys Amended Addition to the Village of Grayling, being a subdivision of a part of the Southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of the Northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Seven (7), Town Twenty-six North (T26N) Range Three West (R3W), Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 4, Crawford County Records (also commonly known as 608 Ottawa Street, Grayling, Michigan 49738).

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 340 West Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan 48661, telephone (517) 345-5470, facsimile (517) 345-4010.

Dated: January 22, 1997
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgage

Robert J. Zita (P22749)
Attorney for Mortgage
SCHEUERLE & ZITTA
300 Washington Street
P.O. Box 212
Grand Haven, MI 49417
(616) 842-1470

-30-6-13-20

NOTICE Planning Commission Position Notice

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will accept application for persons interested in serving on the Crawford County Planning Commission. All applicants must be residents of Crawford County. Please respond to Sandra Moore, Crawford County clerk/register of deeds, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738, by 4 pm February 14, 1997.

Sandra Moore,
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
January 10, 1997

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THE ROAD COMMISSION FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 1997

March 6	August 7
April 3	September 4
May 1	October 2
June 5	November 6
July 3	December 4

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT 10:00 a.m. at 500 Huron, Grayling, Michigan 49738, THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

RAYMOND SWIERCZ, chairman
BILL GANNON, vice-chair
ROBERT NELSON, member
JAMES BRINEY, managing director

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NOTICE SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The South Branch Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5245 M-18, Rosecommon, on the following dates.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: Tuesday, March 4, 1997, at 7 pm.

TO MEET WITH TAXPAYERS: Monday, March 10, 1997, 9 am till 12 noon, and 1-4 pm; Tuesday and Thursday, March 11, 13, 6-9 pm.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000

-13-20-27

Laura Smith, Clerk

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold PUBLIC HEARINGS on Tuesday, February 25, 1997, beginning at 7 pm in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (M-72 West), Grayling, receive and review public comment regarding the following requests:

CASE 97-1C: Marilyn Fick, Owner
Shelly Lovely, Petitioner
204 Misty Way
Grayling, MI 49738

PROPERTY CODE: 20-040-045-520-012-00

LOCATION: Lot 12 Meadowbrook Manor
204 Misty Way
Section 5, T26N, R3W.

A request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a one-chair beauty shop as an In-Home Occupation in the (R-1) Single Family Residential Zone.

CASE 97-2C: Thomas Welty, Petitioner
1844 Burton's Landing Road
Grayling, MI 49738

PROPERTY CODE: 20-040-41-010-16-020-01

LOCATION: 1844 Burton's Landing Road
Section 10, T26N, R3W.

A request for a Conditional Use Permit to allow prototype, precision machining operations (tool and die) as an In-Home Occupation in the (R-F) Recreational Forest Zone.

Case files, zoning ordinance and maps may be available for inspection at the Grayling Township Offices, 2090 Viking Way, during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI. 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361, or FAX (517) 348-6713.

Monica S. Ashton, C.M.C.
Grayling Township Clerk

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NOTICE Economic Development Fund Position

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will be accepting applications for persons interested in serving on the Economic Development Fund Board. All applicants must be residents of Crawford County. Please respond to Sandra Moore, Crawford County clerk/register of deeds, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738, by 4 pm February 14, 1997.

Sandra Moore,
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
January 10, 1997

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NOTICE TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The organizational meeting of the Maple Forest Township Board of Review will be March 4, 1997, at 9 am.

The board of review will meet with the public on March 10, 1997, from 9 am to 12 noon and 1-4 pm. Also March 13, 1997, from 1-4 pm and 5-8 pm.

All meetings will be held at the township hall on Sherman Road.

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Mark Kniss, Supervisor

NOTICE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY "MONITORING OFFICIAL" FOR CRAWFORD COUNTY

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor Degree in Environmental Science and/or related field.

SALARY RANGE: \$25,000 to \$30,000

NATURE OF WORK: Monitor compliance with Crawford County Solid Waste Management Plan including, but not limited to on-site inspections, daily monitoring of waste flow, month-end reports and coordination with Department of Environmental Quality. Additional county environmental issues will be part of the environmental quality monitor duties added at a future date. Applications can be submitted through February 28, 1997, to Sandra Moore, Crawford County Clerk/Register of Deeds, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738.

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ISTEA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE (Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act)

Due to state funding cuts, it is not likely any money will be available to Crawford County until the year 2000. However, The Road Commission, Transportation Authority and City of Grayling are interested in knowing of your interest in potential projects which qualify for ISTEA money, now and in the future. The priorities established at the 1996 public hearing are listed below and are not likely to change. This public hearing notice is being published in accordance with federal and state requirements, not because we expect to be successful at this time. Another public hearing will be held in 1998.

Projects under consideration include, but are not limited to:

- McMaster's Bridge Road (N. Down River Rd. - M-72 8.46 miles)
- Old U.S. 27 (Frederic - I-75 BL 6.26 miles)
- N. Down River Road (I-75 BL - Headquarters 4.4 miles)
- N. Down River Road (Stephan - Wakeley 2.6 miles)

J. Briney, Managing Director, The Road Commission For Crawford County; D. Frederick, Executive Director, Crawford County Transportation Authority; J. Morford City Manager, City of Grayling, on behalf of our respective boards and commissions.

THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE:

Crawford County Transportation Authority
4276 West North Down River Road
Grayling, Michigan 49738

Time: 2:30 p.m.
Date: 2-18-97

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NOTICE Zoning Board of Appeals Position

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners will accept application for persons interested in serving on the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals. All applicants must be residents of Crawford County. Please respond to Sandra Moore, Crawford County clerk/register of deeds, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738, by February 14, 1997.

Sandra Moore,
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
January 10, 1997

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PUBLIC HEARING/ COUNTY RECREATION PLAN

A public hearing will be held by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners on February 18, 1997, at 10:30 am, to review the submitted final Crawford County Recreation Plan. The submitted copy is presently on file with the County Clerk/Register of Deeds Sandra Moore, County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
1-24-97

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ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

Beginning March 3, 1997, the fees for dog licenses will double
Fees for male or female dogs will change from \$5 to \$10
Fees for spayed or neutered dogs will change from \$3 to \$6

Licenses may be purchased from the Grayling Hospital for Animals, the Crawford County Animal Shelter, or the Crawford County treasurer's office.

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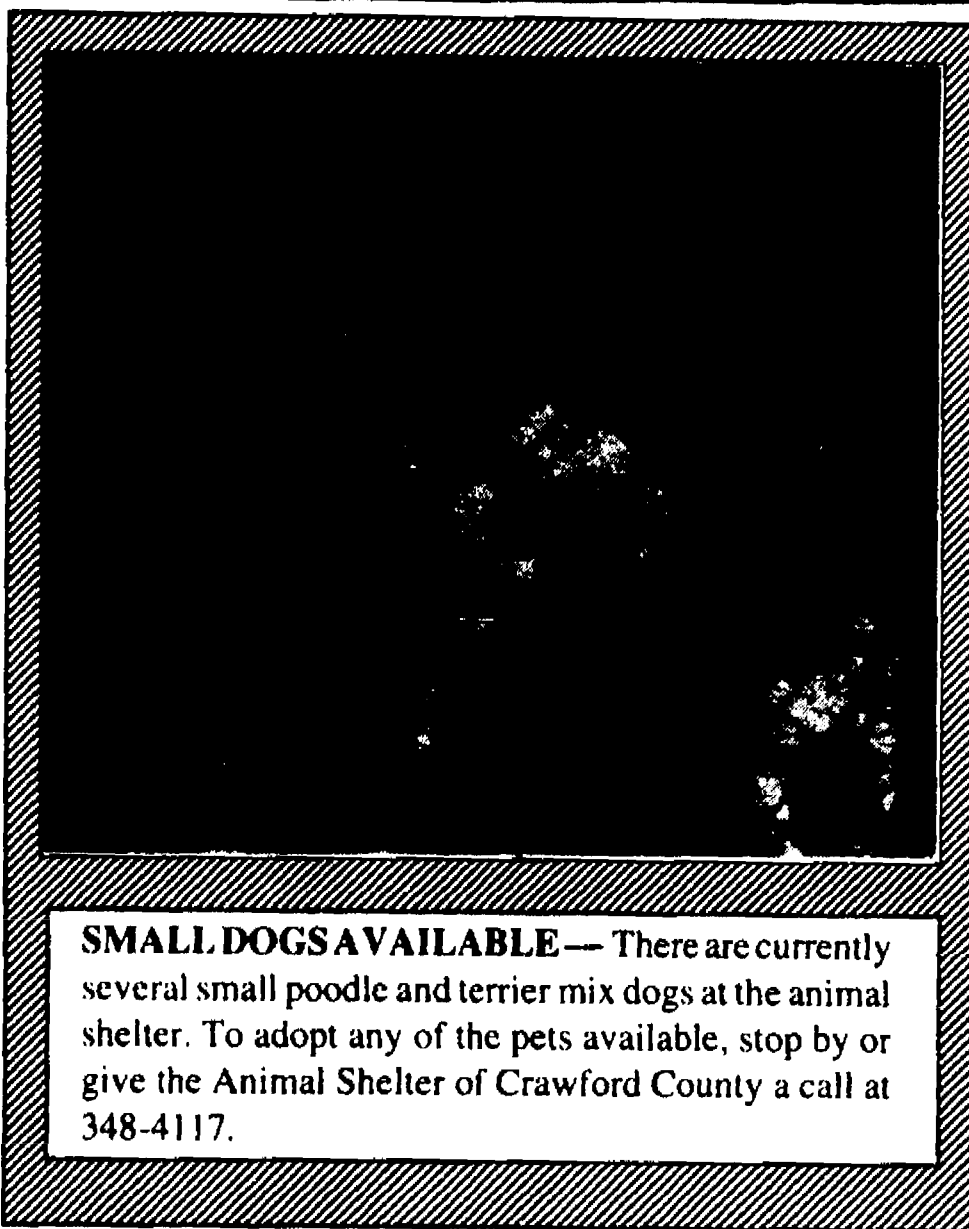
FEATURES

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast For: February 9 - 15, 1997

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Strike while the iron is hot. Don't let a one-of-a-kind opportunity pass you by.
- TAURUS** April 20 - May 20 A partnership will fail if you don't give more than your fair share. Not all things are equal.
- GEMINI** May 21 - June 20 Family life must come first. If not, then you may become the last link in the food chain.
- CANCER** June 21 - July 22 A rotation of personnel may shake things up a bit. Don't be afraid to make changes.
- LEO** July 23 - Aug 22 You will have the advantage in a crossfire. Take your stand, don't vary from it and sit tight.
- VIRGO** Aug 23 - Sept 22 Those in high places will applaud your efforts. Be gracious when accepting praise; give credit where it is due.
- LIBRA** Sept 23 - Oct 22 A kind word will win more respect than bluster. Keep your temper in check and avoid conflict.
- SCORPIO** Oct 23 - Nov 21 Harmony at home will be attained through sheer, hard work. Don't give up; it's worth a compromise.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov 22 - Dec 21 An unexpected communication from an old buddy will brighten your week. Reply promptly.
- CAPRICORN** Dec 22 - Jan 19 You may be able to catch your opponent off guard. Strike when his defenses are down.
- AQUARIUS** Jan 20 - Feb 18 Your reaction to a major disturbance will be scrutinized. Keep your emotions and opinions to yourself.
- PISCES** Feb 19 - March 20 If politics makes strange bedfellows, beware. You may have bitten off more than you can chew.



SMALL DOGS AVAILABLE— There are currently several small poodle and terrier mix dogs at the animal shelter. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

PET CARE TIPS

Dog Lovers! Don't throw away that empty dog food package. If it's from Gaines or Ken-L Ration foods, it can be used to help the homeless animals in Crawford County. Clip the Homer Symbols from the products and send them to the Animal Shelter of Crawford County, P.O. Box 869, Grayling, MI 49738. The shelter can get 20¢ from any dry or soft/moist package and 2¢ from any can or treat package under a program called "Shelter Cash-in Plan."

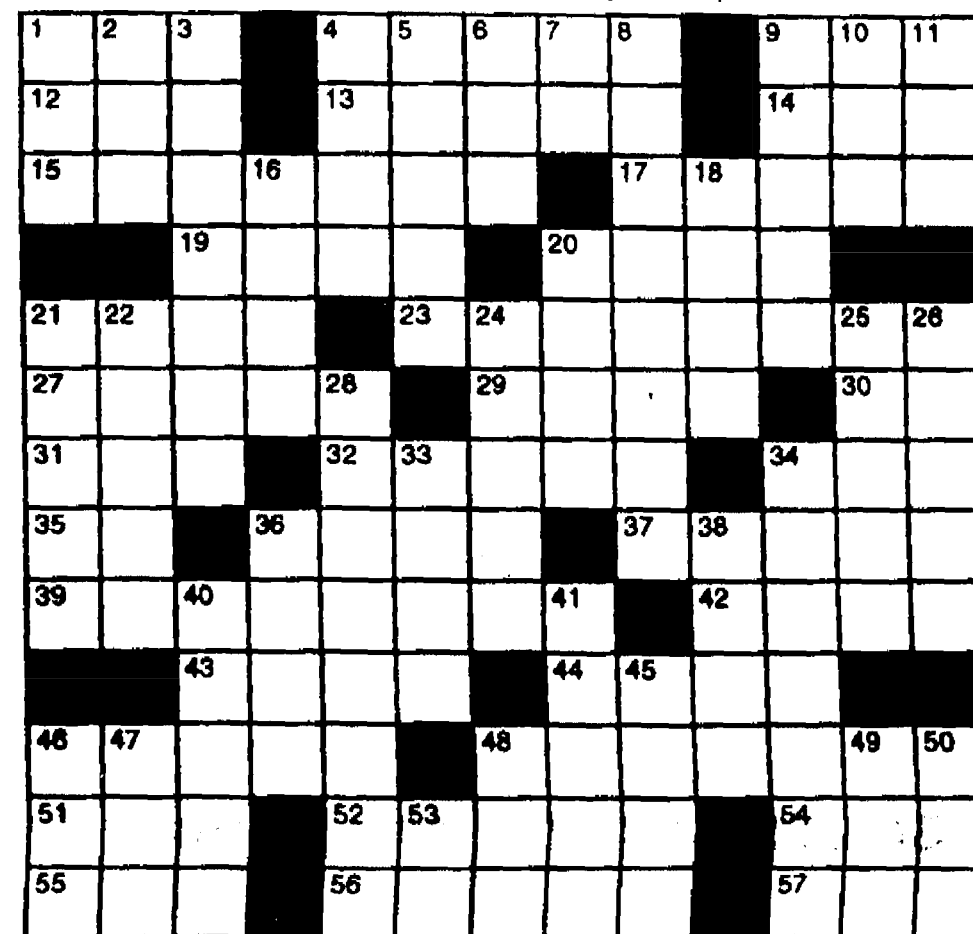
WEEKEND CROSSWORD

ACROSS

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4. Poppy product
9. Coquettish
12. Past
13. Aleutian pullover
14. Part of "to be"
15. Downs partner
17. Actor Navarro
19. Burt's ex
20. WW2 journalist
21. Tigrus country
23. Green onions
27. "Our ___ Have Tender Grapes"
29. Palm leaf
30. Well-known alien
31. Ill. neighbor
32. Cock
34. Feminine suffix
35. Electric unit
36. Links call
37. WW2 movie
39. "The ___ Dozen"
42. Jumble
43. Cinders of the comics
44. Mr. Julia
46. Writer Cather
48. Masseur's forte
51. A Linkletter
52. Relative
54. Hazel or Brazil

55. ___ Plaines, Ill.
56. Actress Burke
57. Shade
- DOWN**
1. Natural state
2. Mideast VIP
3. City on Lake Michigan
4. Ready for business
5. Sorbonne locale
6. Tax agency
7. United Kingdom (abbr.)
8. Preakness state
9. Carved gem
10. Spanish gold
11. Hankering
16. Actor Franchot
18. Unite
20. ___ Alto, CA
21. Poison and Eng-

22. Remove soap
24. Wishes
25. Desert homes
26. Corset parts
28. Caledonia
33. Opera
34. Hibernia
36. Saturate
38. Controversial NY radio man
40. Dissolves
41. Expanse
45. Afloat
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A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago February 14, 1974

49th Annual Winter Sports Festival Ski Racer winners received congratulations and awards from Queen Barbara Jurkovich. First place gold medal winners are Craig Greenfield, Terry Norman, Charlie Ziemer, Toni Trudgeon, Marjie Olson, Jeff Burley, Dan Alef and Fran Lennert.

This Friday, Feb. 15, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. everyone is invited to a square dance at the Michelson Methodist Church—there is no charge. Nursery care will be provided for children, infant through six years. Older children are invited to dance. Bill Millard will be the caller.

Arthur J. Wakeley was one of 49 members who became probationary troopers following their graduation with the 86th recruit class of the Michigan State Police.

An organizational meeting of the Department of Natural Resources Citizens Advisory Council was held at the Ralph A. MacMillen Conservation School on Sunday, February 3rd. On the council from Crawford County are: Bernard Fowler, Robert Golinick, Patrick Harwood, James Shepler, John Stampfle, Jan Thayer, Joseph Wakeley and Al Westervelt.

Gene and Millie Harmer are celebrating their 28th wedding anniversary on February 14th and everyone would like to congratulate them.

Viking skiers defeat Cheboygan, with Holly Knibbs the top girl skier and Kevin Sloan the top boy skier.

Mrs. Janet Reynolds and son David of Holly spent the weekend with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. David Paquette of Ypsilanti spent the weekend with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Pat Harwood.

About 50 friends and neighbors attended the reception given for Mr. and Mrs. Tim Armstrong on Thursday evening. After group singing was enjoyed the young couple opened many lovely and useful gifts. Later a delicious luncheon was served.

The Cheerful Givers Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Pat Harwood Thursday evening at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Butters were hosts at the party Saturday evening. Prizes were won by Louise Rose, Alice Campau, Leonard Nusbaum and Bill Koernke. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Sodaquist will have the party this weekend.

Mrs. Louise Rose of Midland visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Ray Duby over the weekend.

Vern Hartman and his guest Miss Julie Gillis spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Hartman. Julie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Gillis, joined them on Saturday evening.

Twenty-one Grayling Senior Band students traveled to Mancelona Saturday, Feb. 2, to participate in the District II Solo and Ensemble Festival. Those students receiving ones (excellent) were soloists Marie Harris on piccolo, Bob Harris on trumpet, John Duley on snare drum, Ellen O'Mara on clarinet (all juniors) and sophomore Leigh Cary on flute.

46 Years Ago February 15, 1951

The Bear Archery Company was host to members of the Woman's Club and their husbands on Monday evening, February 12.

An estimated 10,000 crammed into the Grayling Winter Sports Park Sunday to witness the high point of the Grayling Winter Sports Carnival as Glenn MacDonald, editor of the Bay City Times placed the golden crown upon the blonde locks of Miss Saginaw, 17-year-old high school Junior, Yvonne Torka, signifying the raising of the pretty figure skater to rule as Miss Michigan Snow Queen for 1951.

Miss Billyann Clippert of Detroit left Monday after spending the weekend with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert.

Miss Susan Bidvia was hostess to 19 of her friends on Wednesday, February 7th, the occasion being her birthday. The group went to the Winter Sports Park. Games were played. Among the refreshments served were individual birthday cakes decorated in the Valentine motif.

Clare Burns spent last week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Burns. Four of his school friends from C.M.C.E. were his guests for the weekend.

Dick Rasmussen was home from Michigan State College to spend the weekend with his parents, the Harold Rasmussens.

George Schiabe, Jr. has accepted a position in Lansing with Col. Jay Nowlen in the office of the United States Property and Disbursing office and began his work on Tuesday.

Bob Smith was home from college at Kalamazoo visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Clair Smith.

Lowell Bindschattel of Frederic was to leave Tuesday for Traverse City en route to join the Navy at Great Lakes, Illinois.

Carl Dean Hanson of Battle Creek is enjoying a week's vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sorenson of Lansing spent the Carnival weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sorenson.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Decktow announce the arrival of a son at Mercy Hospital. Those who have been recently released are Mrs. Eugene King and Rudolph Feldhauser.

Mrs. Elsie Rasmussen of Detroit spent the Carnival weekend here.

69 Years Ago February 16, 1928

Sunday was a live one at the toboggan slide at the Military Reservation, where fully a thousand people gathered to take part in winter sports or be spectators.

A deal was consummated last week in which Esbern Hanson, Fred R. Welsh and T.P. Peterson purchased the Salling Hanson Hardware business and store building.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Johnson of Beaver Creek are happy over the birth of a son, born last night.

Miss Ethel Taylor is substituting in Miss Lundvall's room at school during her absence. Last week she substituted for Miss Robb.

Mrs. Edward Houghton entertained a few young people at a birthday dinner Saturday in honor of her son, Nyland's birthday.

Ernest Hoesli left Sunday night for Pontiac, where he expect to be employed.

Elmo Nephew of Lovells entertained a few of his little friends, Lewis Stillwagon and Charles and Arthur Parkinson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tetu had as their guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schultzy, Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Huck, Mr. and Mrs. Burt Tromley, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Tolfree, and Mr. and Mrs. George Smith all of West Branch.

Misses Evelyn Lovely and Lucilda Collien went to West Branch Saturday to drive back Mrs. Minnie Daughterty's car.

The extremely warm weather the first part of the week settled the snow to almost none.

Doris Leng, Hazel Armstrong, Bernice Bond, Mary Ensign, Clyde Highlen, Gloria Corsaut, Raymond Weaver and Genevieve were little visitors at the primary departments Valentine party.

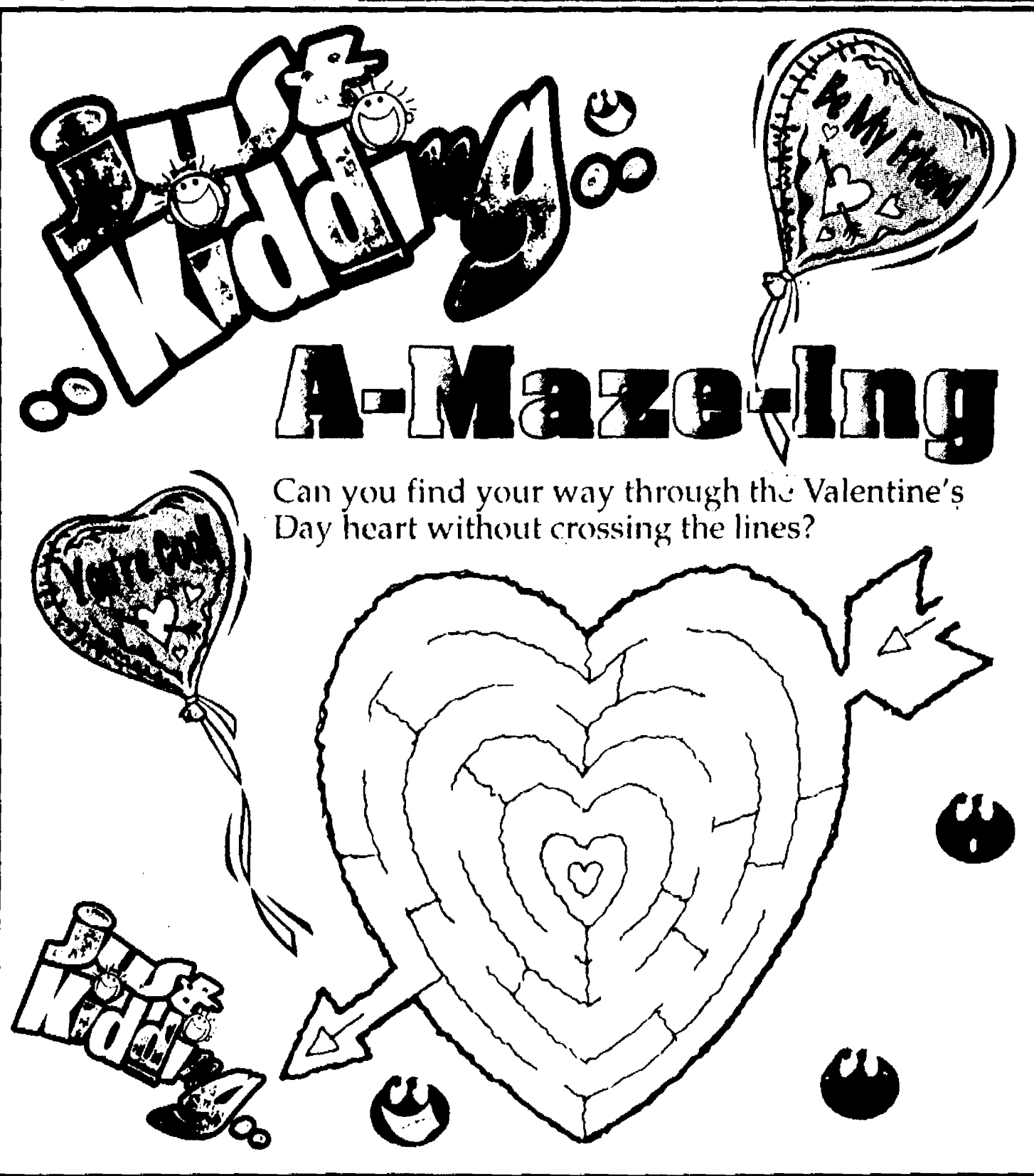
Frederic School Notes: Editor Mark Bender, assistant editor, Keith Forbush.

94 Years Ago February 16, 1905

William Wallace and family moved to their new home in Roscommon the first of the week.

Victor Berlin started for Leavenworth, Kansas, Tuesday to visit a brother he has not seen for several years.

Martin Nelson of Lewiston was down last Friday and bought the residence of Andrew Duryee on Chestnut Street. Consideration, \$500.



Can you find your way through the Valentine's Day heart without crossing the lines?

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Date	High	Low	Precip
2/04	29	23	.0"
2/05	30	23	3.0"
2/06	26	22	.5"
2/07	24	21	.5"
2/08	30	6	.5"
2/09	31	-6	.0"
2/10	26	14	.0"

Extended forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord: Snow is expected Wednesday, with lows in the teens. Thursday's low will be 5-10, with a slight thaw. Friday's high will be 20-25, with a low of 10-15. Saturday will have a high of 30, with a low of 20.

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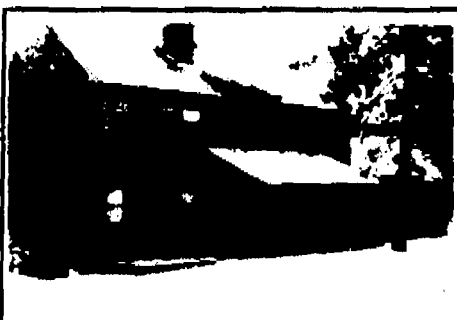


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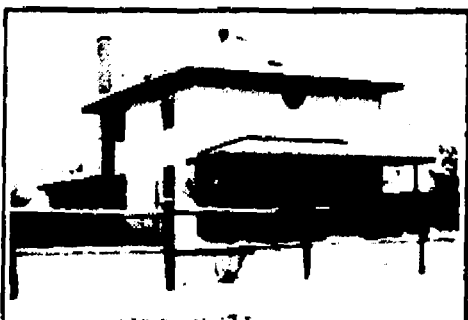
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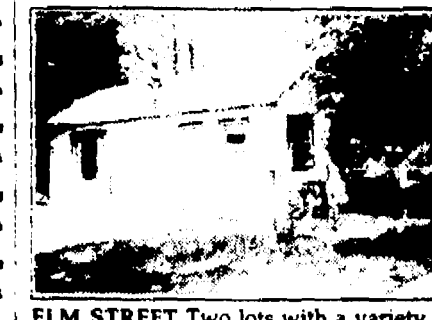
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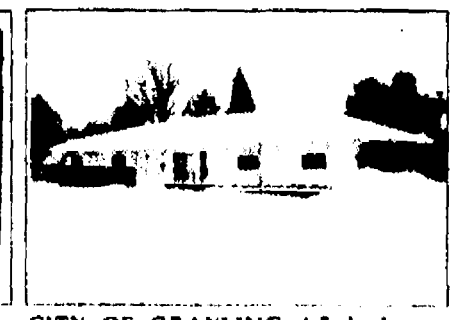
NEAR BEAR LAKE Mobile with addition, three to four bedrooms, good condition, 16x32 garage. Large wooded lot, gas and wood heat. Reduced, \$45,500. (MC-505)



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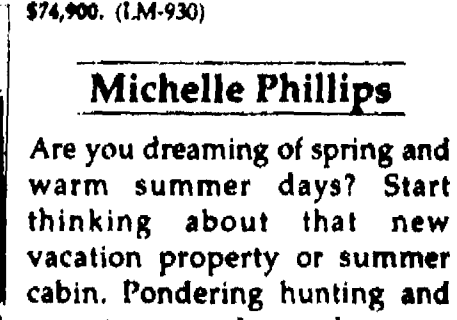
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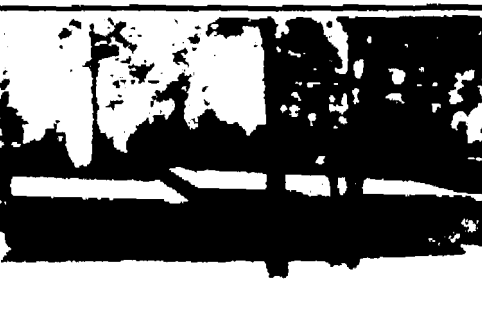
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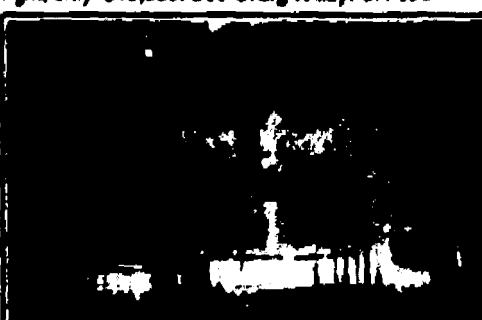
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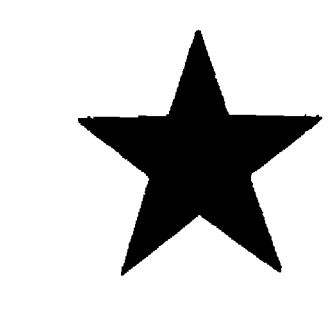


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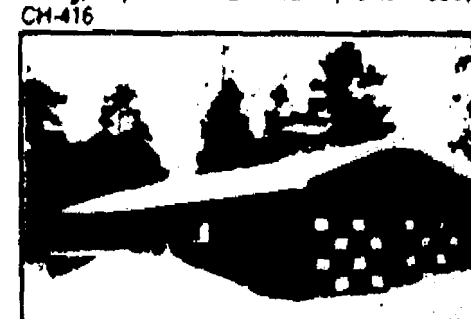
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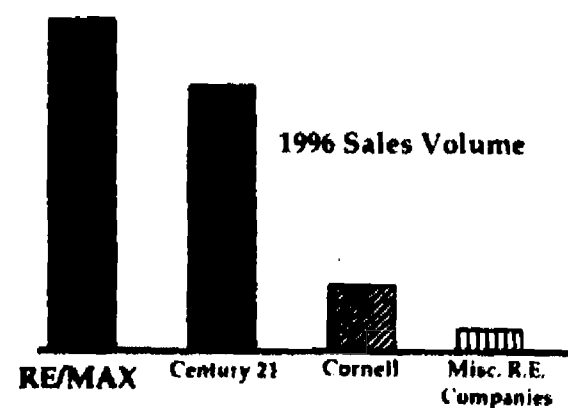


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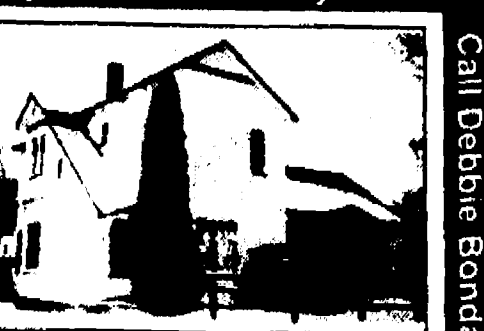
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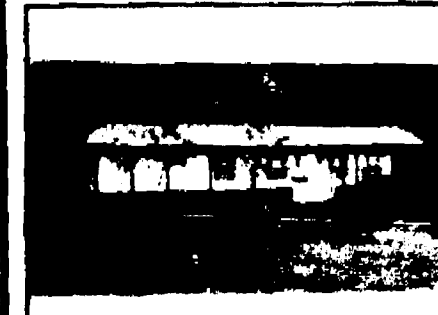
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 Qualified candidates please apply in person, send resume indicating position of interest, call or fax: Human Resources Department, Mercy Hospital/Grayling, 1100 Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738; Phone: (517) 348-6340; Fax: (517) 348-6485.
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9. Personals

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The cost for taking a one-credit computer course for in-district residents is \$56.25 (this includes registration, lab and activity fees). The cost for taking a one-credit computer course for others is \$73.75 (this includes registration, lab and activity fees). Persons interested in taking a course can call 1-517-275-5121.

9. Personals

Happy Valentine's Day

Mom--
Grandma

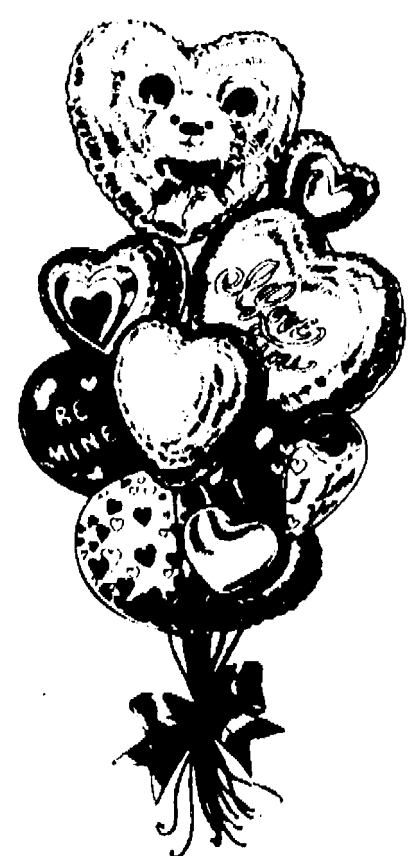
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To our Valentines

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Chelsea Van Nuck

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9. Personals

Paul

My Special Valentine

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9. Personals

Happy Valentine's Day

Bradley
&
Jessica

Love Always, Mom & Dad

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PADDY
LOVE ALWAYS
YOUR
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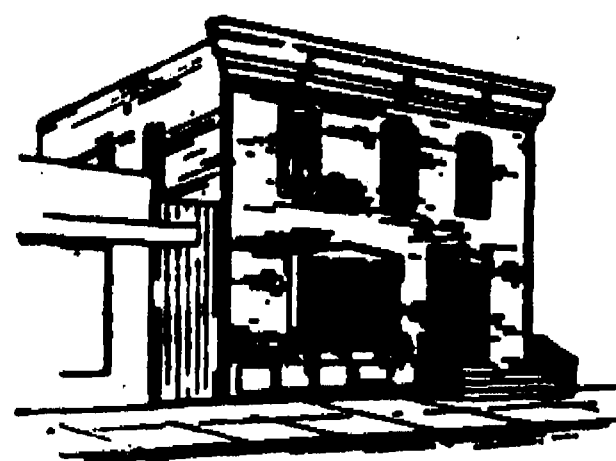
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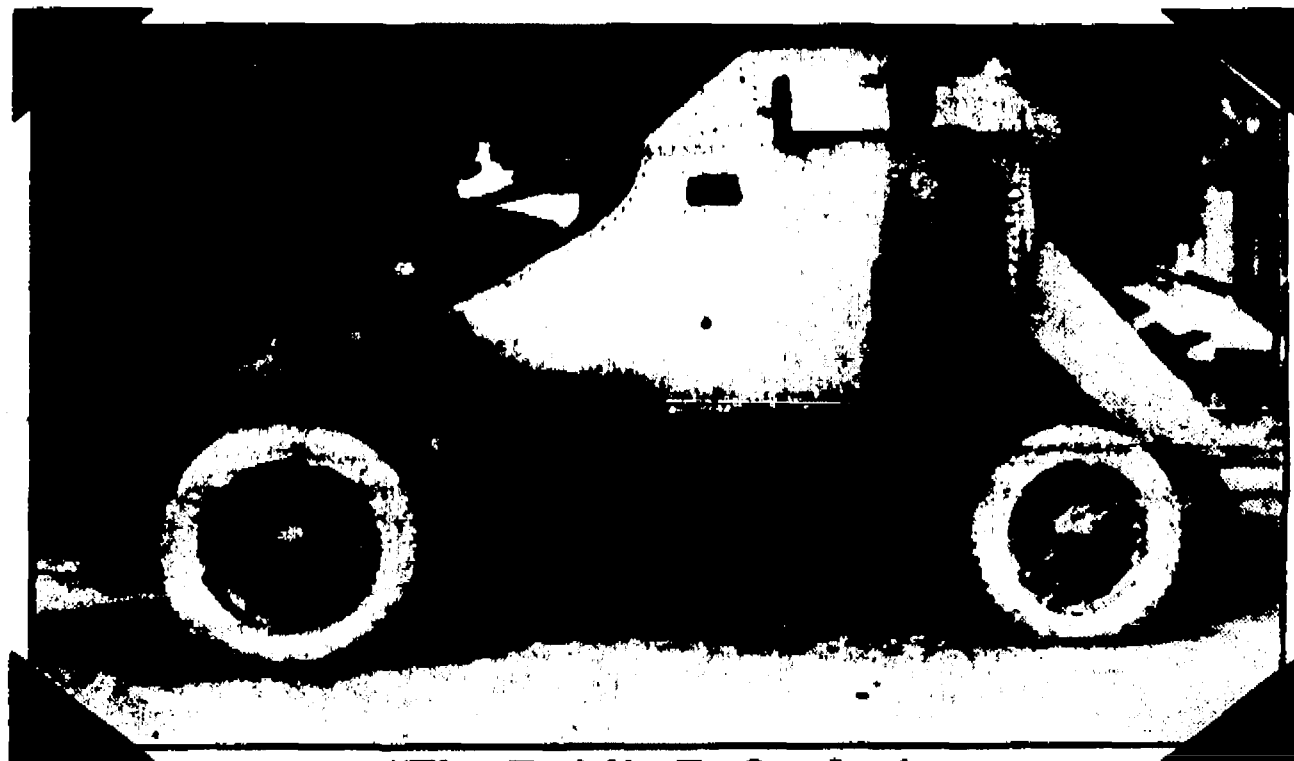
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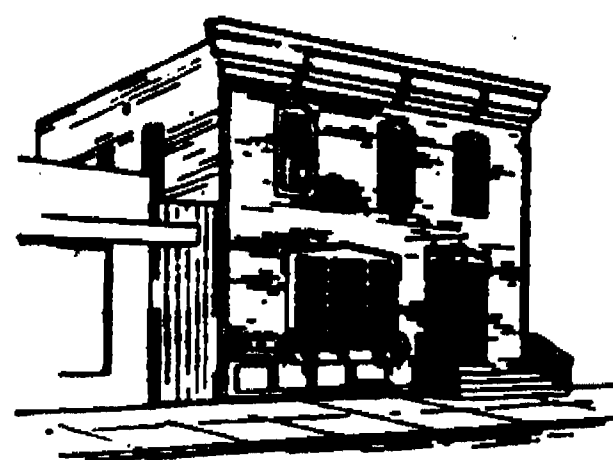
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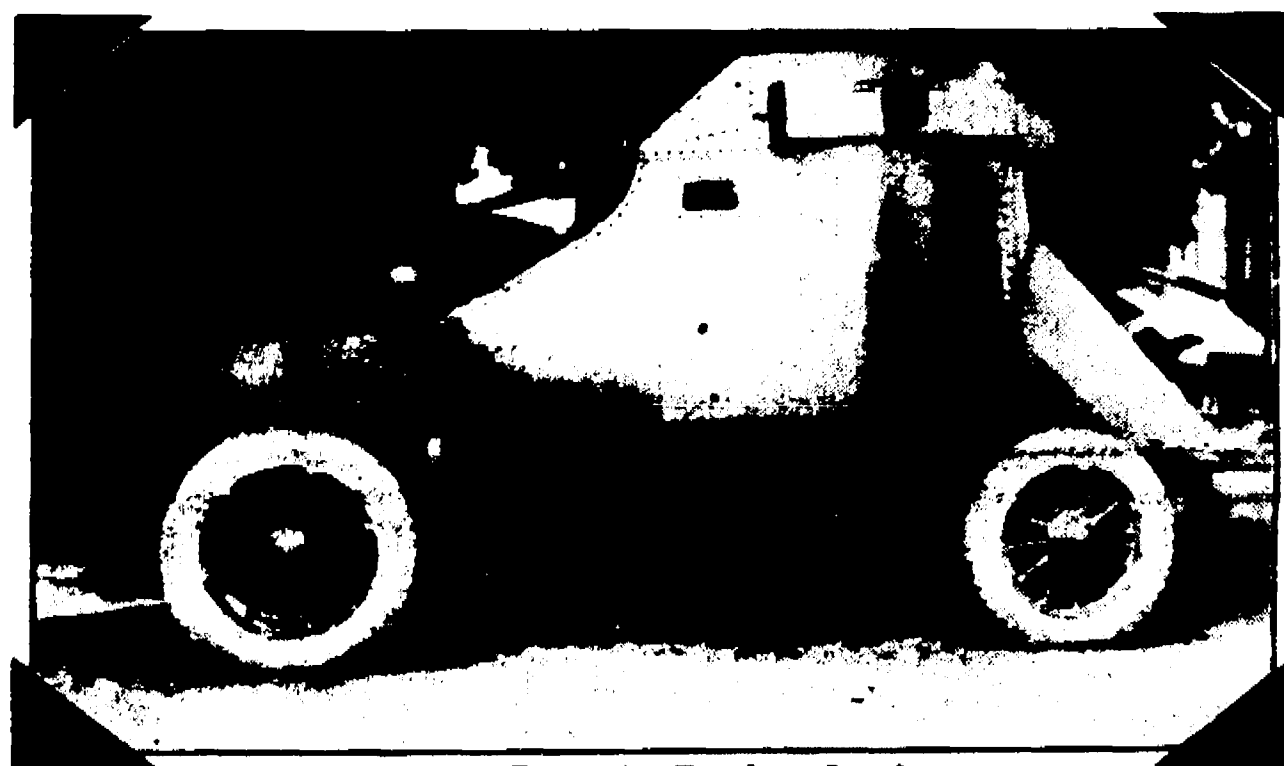
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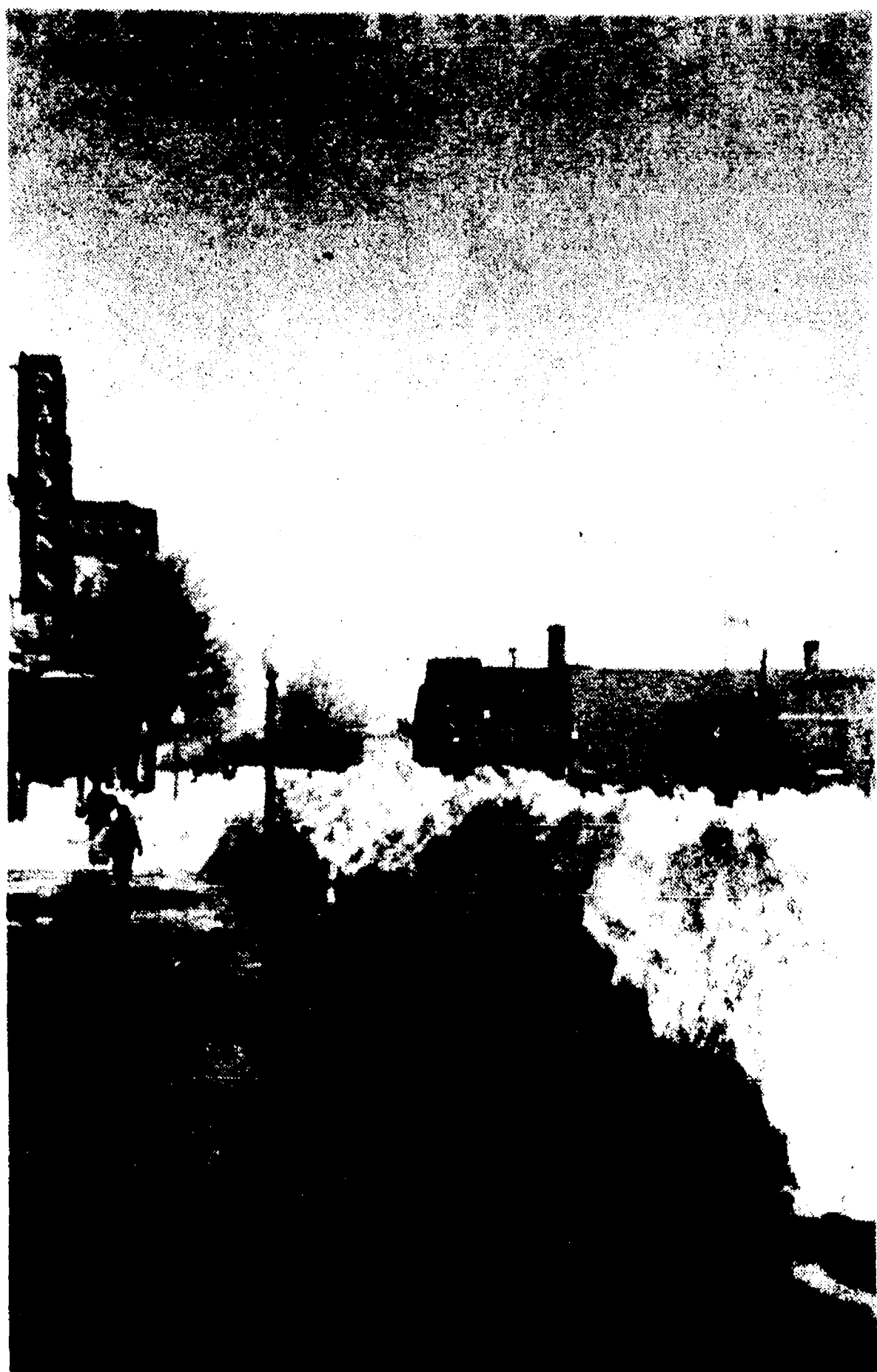


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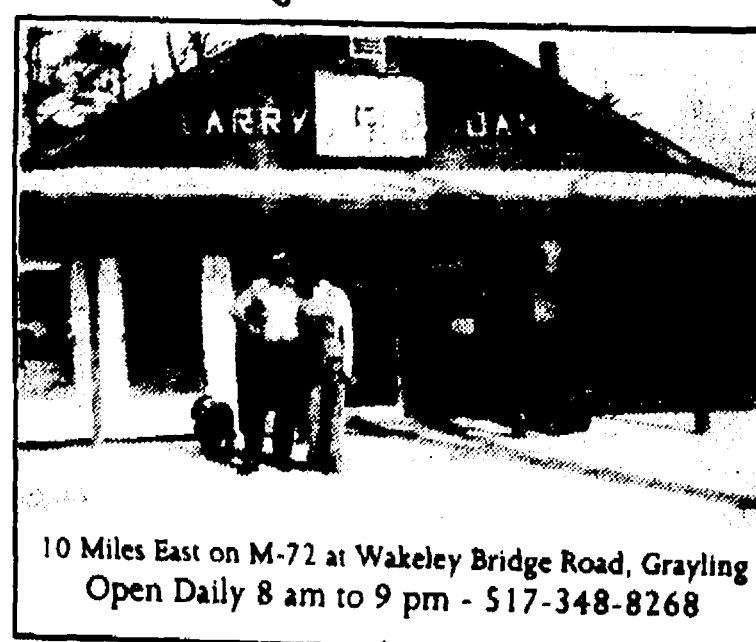


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Mother Lovells leaves behind long history

by Lisa Hofman
Staff Reporter

Ruth Caid, otherwise known as Mother Lovells, was born Dec. 27, 1905 in West Branch to Clarence and Emma Stillwagon.



HAPPY CHILD -- Ruth Caid, otherwise known as Mother Lovells, poses for a picture as a young girl. Caid moved to Lovells in 1906 when she was six months old.

According to Caid's daughter, Margie Thomson, Ruth arrived in Lovells when she was six months old when Lovells was a logging town. The family was supposed to leave again in six months. However, the family never left and Ruth lived in Lovells forever.

As a child, Ruth worked at the Douglas Hotel. "My grandfather worked with the lumber mill men and my grandmother fed the men who worked in the mill," Thomson said. "When my mother was 10 or 12 years old she earned 10 cents each for washing and ironing the linen napkins used at the hotel."

Ruth went to grade school in Lovells but graduated from high school in West Branch. On May 25, 1974, Ruth attended her 50th class reunion.

Seven members of her graduating class were present at the reunion.

"She had to go stay with my grandmother to go to high school. If she had attended high school in Grayling she would have had to work for her room and board," Thomson said.

After graduating from high school Ruth attended Olivet College. She spent two years at Olivet and earned a teaching certificate. During her college years, Ruth spent her summers working in the lumber mill for \$1 a day.

She spent two years teaching in West Branch. "She taught a while with her first certificate, but she had to attend Saturday classes in Mt. Pleasant and night classes in Grayling because she

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CAID'S GROCERY -- Still a fixture in Lovell's is the Caid's Grocery Store. The store was started by Ruth and Edgar Caid.



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Mercy home care initiative started as two companies, Amicare Home Health Services and Amicare Home Health Resources, both incorporated in the fall of 1985.

One year later, there were Amicare branches in many Mercy Community Healthcare Systems, including Grayling, and Amicare had begun to provide extended services through Amicare Services, Inc.

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was required to earn enough credits to continue teaching," Thomson said. "She used to say it took her 32 years to earn her diploma (from Central Michigan University)."

According to Thomson, before she retired Ruth had taught a total of 35 years in both Frederic and Grayling.

"In 1927, she married Edgar Caid who was her childhood sweetheart," Thomson said. "They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary and then he died of a brain hemorrhage when he was 46 years old. She never remarried."

The couple resided in Lovells where they raised their two children, Margie, who remained in Lovells and Edgar who later moved to Three Oaks.

While living in Lovells, Ruth was a charter member of the Cheerful Givers Club. The club, which is still in existence, was started in the 1930s.

"At that time the group would make layette sets and quilts that they gave to the needy," Thomson said.

The group, which celebrated its 65th anniversary recently, is open to anyone, as long as they are a resident of Lovells. No dues are required of group members.

Although the group does not make layette sets anymore members still make quilts and throw a community Christmas party each year for the children of Lovells.

"My mom always called that club 'her baby' because she was the club's president for so many years," Thomson said.

According to Thomson, Ruth also helped raise money for the Lovells Community Chapel. "Those helping to raise funds would travel down

the river to the rich houses. They sold cement blocks and each person gave so much for each block. She helped start that church," Thomson said.

Ruth was also a member of the Lovells Study Club, as well as the Lovells Chapel Guild.

In March of 1974, Ruth was a guest speaker at the Lovells Extension meeting. She presented the program "An Apple a Day".

Guests at the meeting learned what a contribution apples are to the health of those who eat them. Ruth also told the audience which apples should be used for certain recipes.

During the years in which Ruth was teaching she and Edgar opened Caid's Grocery, a grocery store that is still a fixture in Lovells, although it has been moved one-half mile down the road from its original location next door to the couple's house.

"In the early 1930s my dad ran the store and continued running it until his death in 1952," Thomson said. "After that my husband, Patrick Harwood, and I ran the store. We ran the store for 25 years and since then it has been resold three times."

"She was one of the beginners of our library in Lovells. She worked there faithfully every Monday until she was unable to," Thomson said.

The Lovells Community Library opened June 21, 1974. The library was open every Monday and Friday from 2-4 p.m.

Ruth was diagnosed with cancer 18 years ago. She was admitted to Mercy Hospital Nov. 8, 1996 and stayed there seven days. She went to the Meadows of Grayling and remained there for four days. She died Nov. 21, 1996, at 90 years of age. "She died of lung cancer in the end," Thomson said.

When Ruth died she had been retired from teaching for 25 years.



MOTHER LOVELLS -- This photograph was taken during Ruth Caid's (Mother Lovells) many years of school teaching. Caid taught a total of 35 years in Frederic, as well as Grayling.

"Many people called her Mother Lovells because she was the oldest resident in Lovells," Thomson said "and everyone knew her."

"One of her favorite sayings was 'The more I see of men the more I love my Chevrolet,'" Thomson said.



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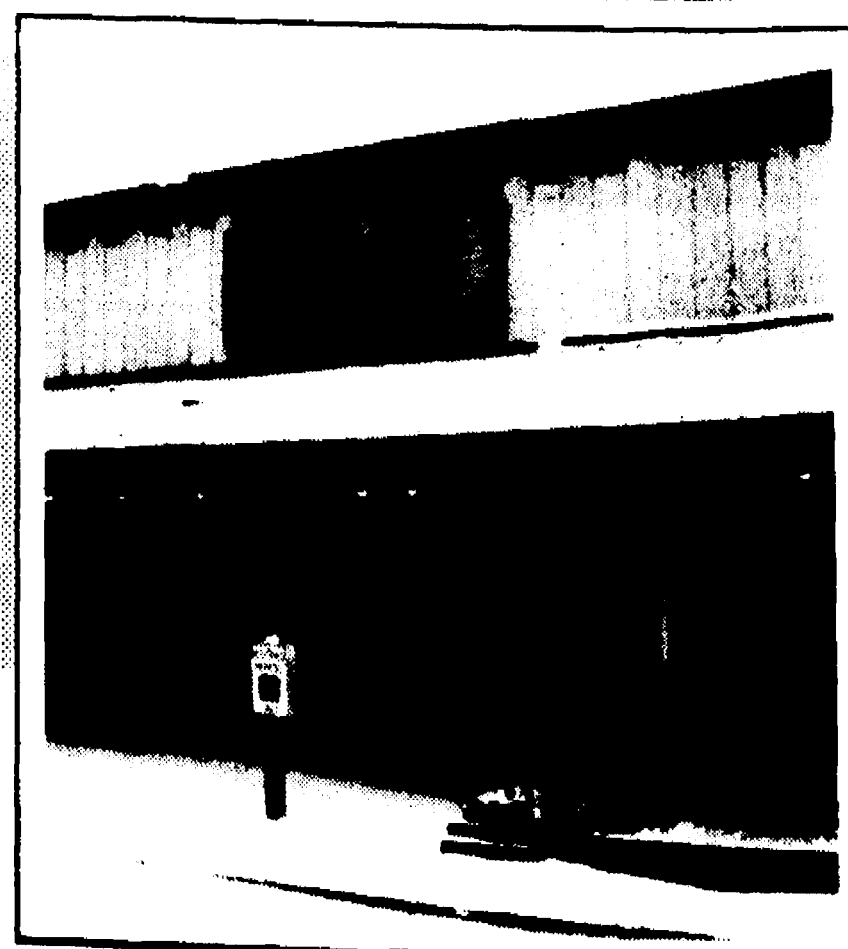


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Life story of interesting Grayling resident

by Fay C. Bovee, granddaughter of Martin Christenson

This is the story of a man, who lived only a short time, but who, like many others, is part of the fabric of our country. Without them, the lumbermen would not have made a fortune. And though some of them lived such a short time, somewhere they left some mark in history. They came to this country, thousands of miles from homes and family, with the hopes of a better life. Some never saw their families again and many mothers and fathers left behind never knew what fate overtook their sons. They must have been remarkably courageous to embark on such a journey.

Martin Christenson, my grandfather, was one of the thousands of Scandinavians who immigrated to the United States in the 1870s when they were leaving their homelands by the boatload. I was always told, and there is nothing to verify it, that he came to this country to escape military service in the Prussian army. That part of southern Denmark where he might have been born had been changed back and forth from Danish to German rule several times. After much searching I believe that he came from Denmark, but where in that country continues to be a mystery.

The pattern of naming children in those countries was known as patronomics and sons were named as "Christian's son" so it is very difficult to trace unless one knows exactly which village they came from or you are fortunate enough to have letters from parents or papers showing their passage and hometown. Research into census and various other records, although not always accurate, give his birthplace usually as Denmark.

I found among my parents' papers, a letter written by the Local Assembly No. 4924 order of the Knights of Labor, to Christenson's wife after his death which gave his birth date as 25 October 1855.

Martin apparently arrived in Grayling sometime in the late 1870s, one of many workers who came and worked in the lumber camps. He filed for "Intention to Naturalize" in Manistee and since some of our famous lumbermen came from that area, it was probably a place from which the lumber barons recruited their workers. How he arrived in Manistee is unknown — by boat or by train, did he come with another friend, another family, as a worker for some lumberman, or by himself? His citizenship papers, dated Feb. 26 or 27, 1884, turned up in the Crawford County Circuit Court records while I was searching for other things. They were not recorded with the usual records of citizenship that the courthouse holds.

He married Helene Stephan, the eldest daughter of Peter William and Helene Thinnies Stephan. Since the Stephans arrived in Crawford County in the fall of 1879, it must have been a whirlwind courtship because they were married on 25 February 1880 by the Rev. E. E. Wall. The marriage record was found in an old marriage record book in the courthouse, thanks to the help of former county clerk, Leo Lovely. The book contained only a couple of pages of records from 1879 to 1887. The year 1879 was the year that Crawford County split off from Kalkaska County to become a separate entity.



WIFE OF MARTIN -- Helene Stephan Christenson was the wife of Martin Christenson. Martin arrived in Grayling in the late 1870s, one of many who worked in the lumber camps.

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Martin Christenson

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The Federal census records of 1880 revealed that Martin and Helene were living in the unorganized territory of Clearwater Township, Kalkaska County, where he was working in a logging camp. Living with them were her sister, Louise, and brother, John. Clearwater Township was then next to Crawford County where the settlement of Riverview was located. Henry and Mary Mantz were the Christenson's witnesses at their marriage and the Mantz family lumbered in the Manistee area according to items mentioned in the *Crawford County Avalanche* at that time. The Mantz family sold out to the Hansons early

in the lumbering era.

The Christenson's first son, Martin Louis, was born on 22 January 1881 and according to the May 26, 1881 *Avalanche*, "Mr. Martin Christency has moved to town and occupies the house lately vacated by Chas. Frantz, over the river." Where at that time was 'over the river'? On Sept. 15, 1881, the paper said, "Mr. Martin Christenson and family moved into the village last Monday." And on 12 March 1883 a daughter, Helene Matilda, had joined the family.

With his family moved into town in 1881, he apparently found work in other logging camps as this item appeared in the Dec. 29 issue, "Last

Sunday morning Messrs. Levi Van Buren, William Stephan and Martin Christenson started for Cole's lumber camp on the North Branch, but missing their way soon after crossing Big Creek, one of the tributaries of the AuSable, they became bewildered and wandered around in the woods until night came on, when they kindled a fire and though they had eaten nothing since early morn, were compelled to retire supperless to their couch upon the bare ground. The next morning they started out early to hoping to find a habitation or secure something by which they could stay the pangs of hunger, but their efforts were only rewarded by the capture of a single partridge.



Martin Christenson, born Jan. 22, 1881, to Martin and Helene Christenson



Helene Christenson, born March 12, 1883, to Martin and Helene Christenson.



Peter Christenson, born Oct. 12, 1885, to Martin and Helen Christenson.

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Though there is no clue as to where they lived, the *Avalanche* noted on March 27, 1884, that "M. Christensons house is improved with painting; Chas. Saunders did it with his little brush."

In April 1884 Christenson purchased the lot where the Melroy Amoco station now stands for the sum of \$50. And by October 25 of that same year, he had sold the property for \$275. Could it have been that he build the house that once stood on that corner, building it for under \$200, thus making a profit? Another mystery, Peter William Christenson, my father, always said he was born in that house. But according to records, his father no longer owned it when Bill was born on 12 October 1885; perhaps they were renting it at that time.

In the Oct. 30, 1884 *Avalanche*, "Philipp Moshier and Martin Christenson have purchased the Livery Stable of Mr. J. Purchase, who intends

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engaging in some other line of business. The new firm are well calculated for the business they are engaged in, and all who are in need of anything in the way of conveyances will do well to give

them a call. Advertisement will appear next week." (See Nov. 6 1884 ad) An interesting lost ad appeared on March 5, 1885. "Lost. Moshier and Christensen will pay a liberal reward for the return of 2 buffalo robes, one lost between Grayling and Portage Lake (ed. note — now Lake Margrethe) and the other between Grayling and Salling Hanson & Co. RR Camp."

Businesses must have changed hands rapidly as the following appeared on June 4, 1885, "M. Christenson has sold out his interest in the livery stable to Peter Hanson." and the ad for July 2, 1885, shows Christiansen & Rasmusson as proprietors and in the same issue came this "Dissolution of Partnership. Notice is hereby given, that the partnership heretofore existing under the firm name of Christensen & Rasmusson, in the Livery business, has been dissolved. All accounts due the firm are to be paid Mr. Rasmusson, who will also pay all claims against the same." This livery stable apparently was the one that stood where Spike's Keg O' Nails now stands.

In August of 1885 Christenson "had returned from his trip across the briny deep, on last Monday. He had a good time and we are pleased to see him on our streets once more."

By the spring of 1887, a diphtheria epidemic had stricken people in Grayling. On March 24 of that year news items appeared saying, "Two of Martin Christenson's children are reported to be seriously ill with diphtheria." The second one stated, "A little daughter of M. Christenson died yesterday of diphtheria and a younger child is dangerously ill. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the bereaved parents."

The next week on March 31, two more items appeared, "It is reported that Martin Christenson is sick and that the disease resembles diphtheria" and "Another child of Martin Christenson died

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July 2, 1885

last Wednesday at 10 o'clock in the evening and was buried at 11 o'clock." This put the death of the two children on the same day, March 20, and if they really did mean that he was buried at night, shows the disbelief of the people at that time that it was necessary to take the bodies and dispose of them in the night. The youngest son, Peter William or Billy, as he was affectionately called by his family, the Stephans, was only a year-and-one-half old but though he was reported "as dangerously ill" he somehow survived.

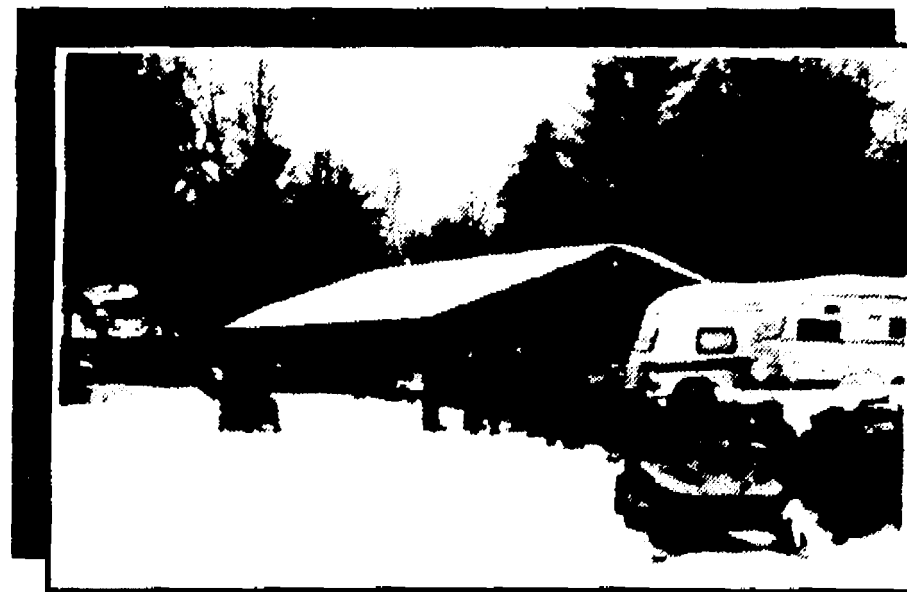
The style of journalism in newspapers of that time was very different from those of today as shown by the account of the father's death which occurred on April 21: "SUDDEN DEATH. Our citizens were startled last Thursday by the report of the sudden death of Martin Christenson. He had been sick for several weeks, but was to all appearance convalescent, and had been down town three or four times, so that all thought of danger had passed from the minds of his family and friends. On the afternoon of that day he fainted in the store of Joseph & Pinkous, but rallied perfectly and seemed none the worse after

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Martin Christenson

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going home. He sat at the table with his family and ate quite heartily, but immediately after fainted, and by the time he was got onto the lounge had expired. He leaves a wife and one child, who will receive the sympathy of all. Two of his children died of diphtheria this spring, leaving the mother now doubly bereaved."

Helene Christenson later married Edward

Hempstead on 12 July 1882 and bore another son, George Hempstead, on 12 November 1894, but by 1896, adversity had taken its toll on her and she was admitted to the State Hospital in Traverse City where she was incarcerated for 29 years and where she died on 27 January 1925. Billy was partially looked after by Grandma Helene Stephan but being a very independent person, he more or less looked after himself, working for his uncles and himself.

Martin Christenson is buried in the south section of Elmwood Cemetery, near his wife and two small children. The remaining son, Peter William, and his wife, Rosa Mary Schreiber are also buried on the lot.

The questions still remain: where was this man born, who were his parents, why did he come to this country, and did they ever know what happened to him?

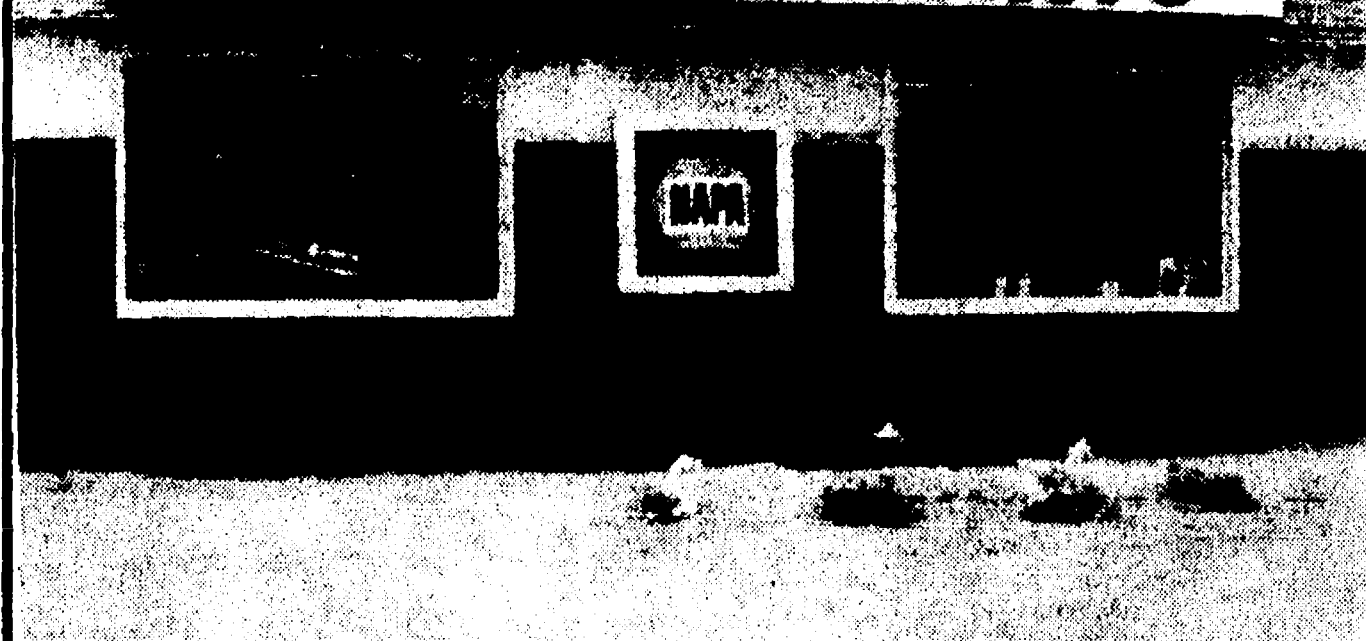
FORMER SHOPS — By looking at the windows of the Margot's store, a perspective customer could see that it contained souvenirs and gifts inside. A Grayling bakery was located next door along the street which is now called the I-75 business loop.

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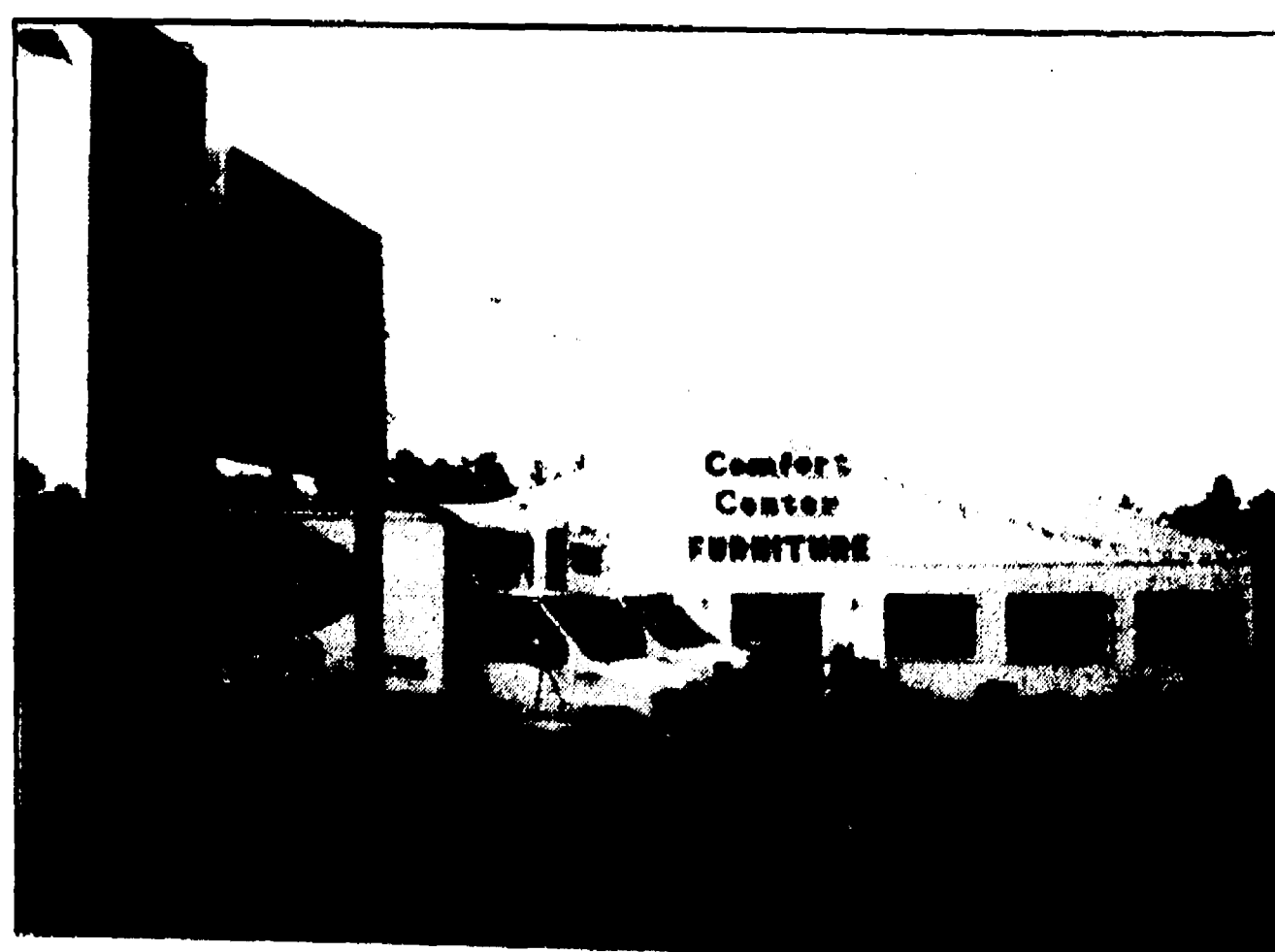
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M.C.R.R. Roundhouse, two engines lost

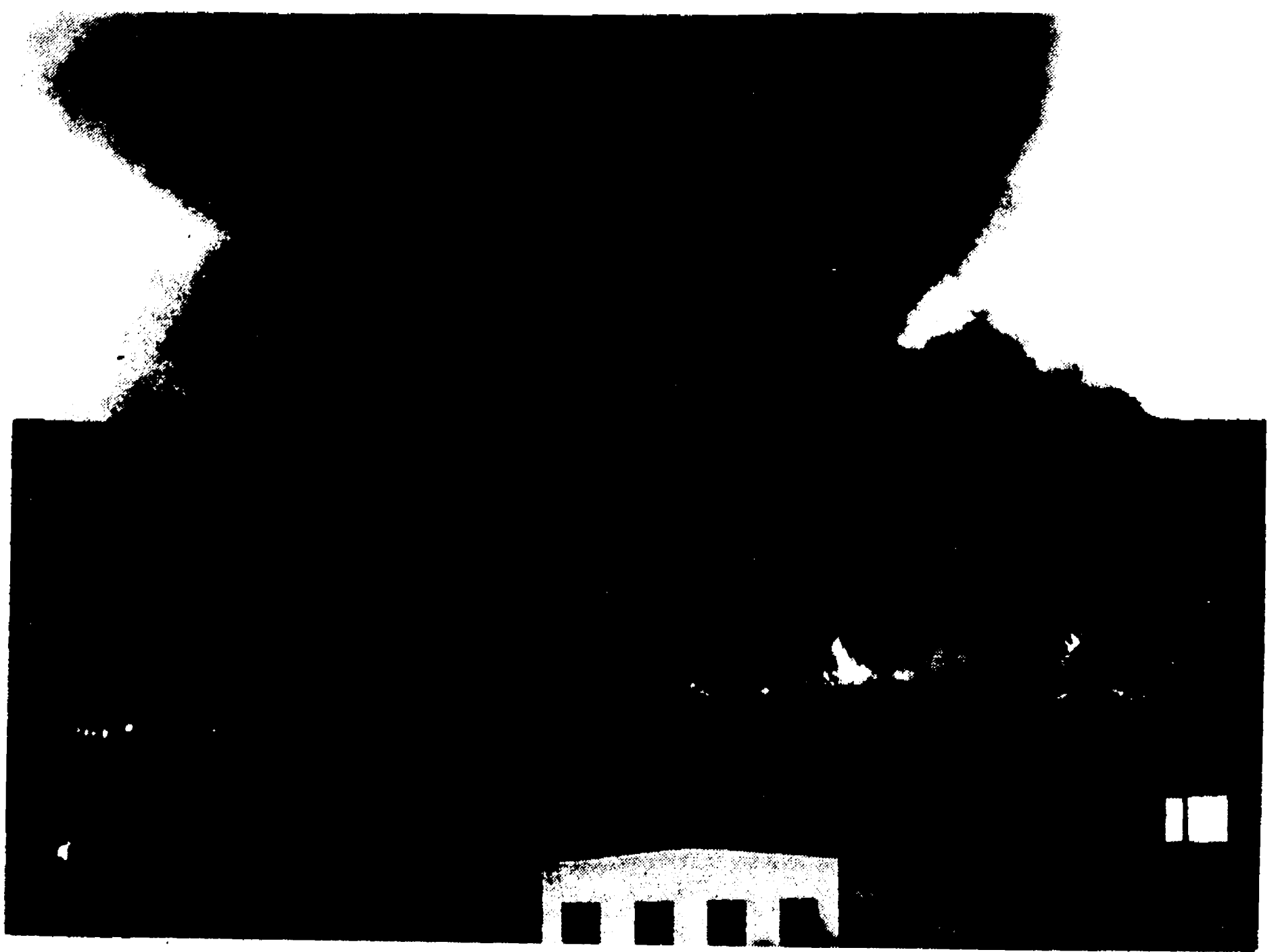
The old Michigan Central railroad roundhouse is no more. Fire completely wiped it out Friday evening. With it was the loss of two locomotives. The loss is estimated at about \$150,000.

The flames started about 7:00 o'clock p.m., and within an hour the place was completely consumed. The cause of the fire has not been definitely determined. It started in the south end of the structure, which part has been little used for several years. Once started, the flames spread like wildfire and it seemed like almost no time before the long 280 foot structure was a burning mass.

The roundhouse had been in use here for more than 50 years. About 38 years ago it was greatly enlarged. It was built at a time when fine pine timber was plentiful and the choicest kind was used in its structure. This highly inflammable material, soaked in oils used in and about the locomotives for the past half century, burned like fury. The heat was excessively hot and the densest kind of smoke arose from the flames, covering the entire southeast part of the city, and could be seen many miles away. Debris shot up into the air for hundreds of feet, only to fall over the countryside nearby, some of which set fire to the dry grass.

Two locomotives were ruined by the intense heat, and were kept from exploding by the automatic pop-valves that allowed the steam to escape. Supt. Charles Coyle stated that the two locomotives would probably have to be scrapped. They were valued at about \$100,000.

One locomotive, attached to two boxcars, were



ROUNDHOUSE LOST — A fire completely destroyed the roundhouse in Grayling on July 14, 1939. The roundhouse was used for more than 50 years.

pulled to safety by a small yard engine that happened to be available. By the heroic effort of the fire department, the water tank was saved.

At one time this roundhouse was one of the busiest places in Grayling, employing over 100

men. Together with the roundhouse there were quite extensive car repair shops in the building. Here many men were employed at good wages.

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The Crawford County Standard Oil Agency was built in 1902. A Mr. Merrifield was the first agent and, at that time, the only product sold was kerosene. Mr. Merrifield was apprehensive about handling a new product called gasoline so, when it came on the market in 1904, Mr. Hans Holz took over as agent.

When Mr. Holz resigned and moved to Tennessee, due to the poor health of his wife, he asked Mr. Dan Hoesli, then a brakeman on the Manistee and Northeastern Railroad running from Grayling to Manistee, if he would like the job. Hoesli accepted and, in July of 1911, the company hired him as their agent.

When Dan first started, the fuel in the tank cars was pumped by hand to storage tanks on the ground. A piston-type pump was used, which had a forward and backward stick motion. In those days, men worked for a dollar a day. Dan paid \$1 a tank. A strong man could empty a tank car in two hours, so it was considered a pretty good job. One pumper, not understanding the mechanics of the piston pump, was afraid to stop pumping to get a drink of water for fear that the fuel would run back into the tank car.

Dan delivered kerosene with horses and wagon to Roscommon, Pere Cheney and Lovells, and shipped by rail into Lewiston. When Dan hauled to Lovells, T. E. Douglas was the dealer, and he took kerosene into the lumber camps with a horse and wagon. He used horses in the winter until about 1925, as the roads were not plowed.



In 1932, Dan's son, Ernest Hoesli, went to work for his father. In 1940, when the senior Mr. Hoesli retired, Ernie took over as agent. Ernie had graduated from Grayling High School and attended Ferris Institute. In 1911, eight to 10 tank cars of fuel each year were consumed. In 1964, when Ernie retired after 32 years with the company, that number had grown to well over 300.

Charles Fick, a native of Swartz Creek, took over operation of the Standard Oil Agency when Ernie retired. Mr. Fick had been with the company for six years by then—two as a driver in Swartz Creek, and the remaining years operating a Standard Oil Agency in Flint.

Charles and his wife, Marilyn, had four children: Steven, Scott, Shelley and Stephanie.

When Charles took over, he had one driver, Jenson Ziebell. The territory consisted of Grayling, Lovells, Maple Forest and Frederic Townships. In 1976, the agents became independent jobbers. In 1977, Mr. Fick purchased the former Post Oil Co. and relocated the office and bulk storage to 113 Fig Street. Later, Tufts Gas & Oil bulk storage was purchased and moved to the Fig Street location. By this time, there were seven employees and four home delivery trucks. In 1979, the first transport truck was added. In 1983, the accounts and distribution division of Osceola Oil, West Branch, were acquired, opening up a market area of central and northern Michigan. In 1986, a truck repair garage was added and staffed. A propane division was added in 1989, and an unattended credit card fueling station in 1990.


The propane division has expanded to Northport, Rogers City, Mikado, Oscoda, Beaverton and Houghton Lake.

Four-Mile Development Corp. was formed. The Super 8 Motel was built and opened in June 1993, with 61 units on the Nelson A. Miles Parkway.



Charlie's Country Corner, a modern travel plaza, opened in June 1995. In the spring of 1996, the corporate offices were moved there. In the fall of 1996, additional truck parking for 80 trucks was added.

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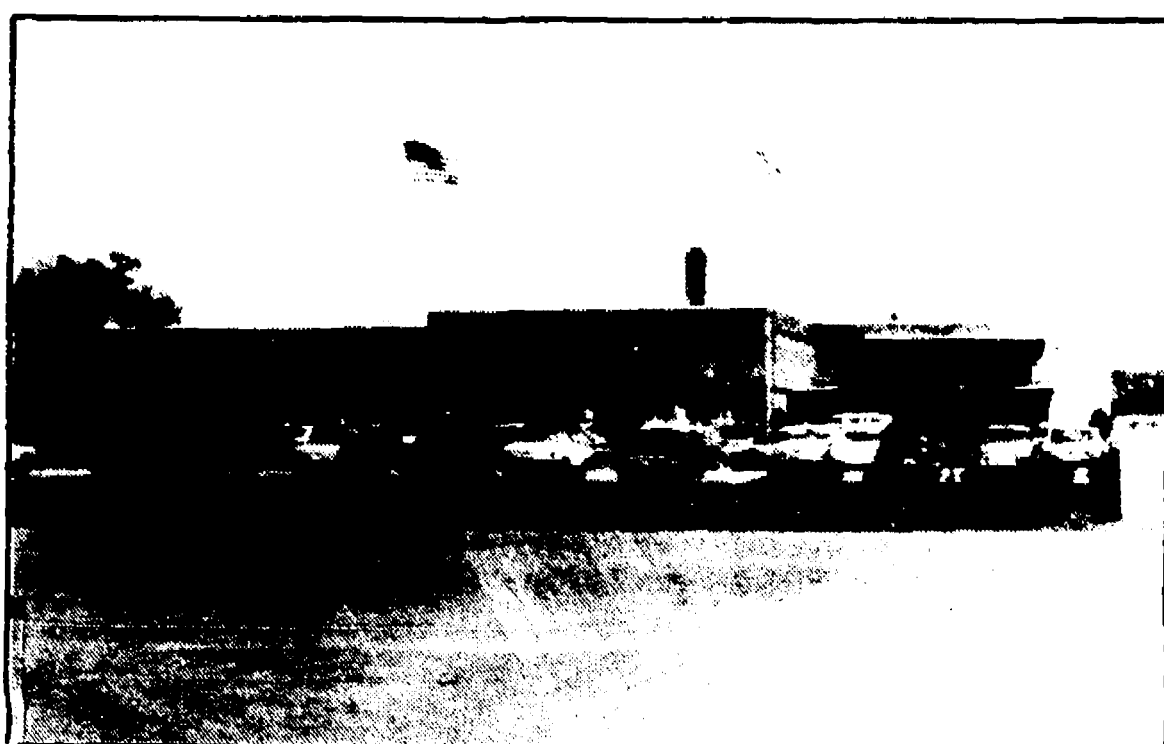


1831

Founding of
Sisters of Mercy,
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1843

United States
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1957

Mercy Hospital
1100 Michigan Ave.
Community fund drive
supported the
construction costs

1935

Graham home on Peninsular Ave.
donated to hospital as a home for
Sisters and nurses. Opened third
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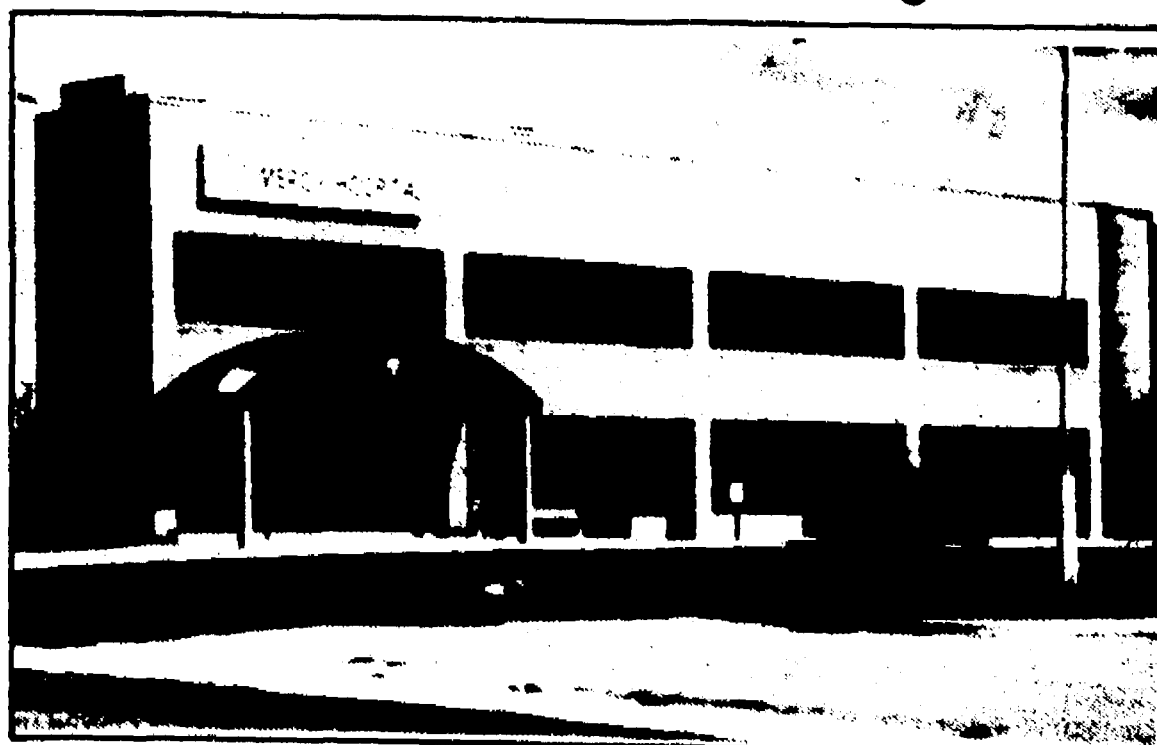
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1981

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1932



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1986

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1988

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1991-1996

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1997

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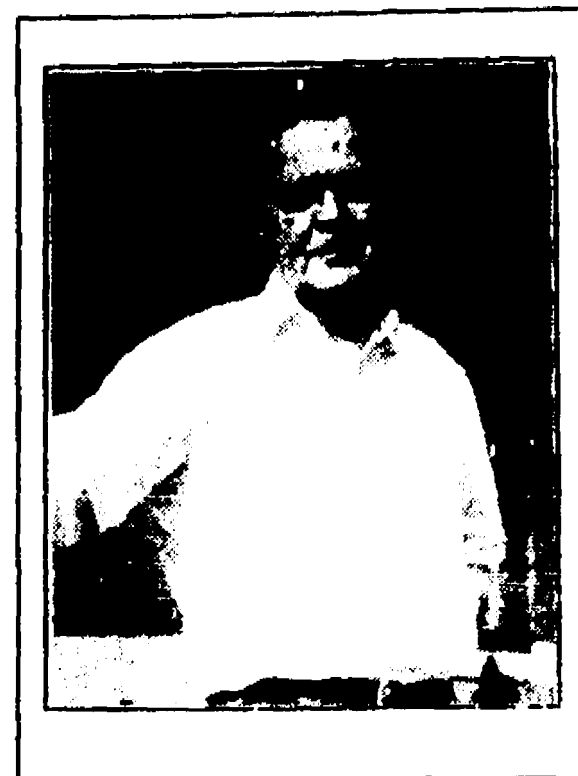
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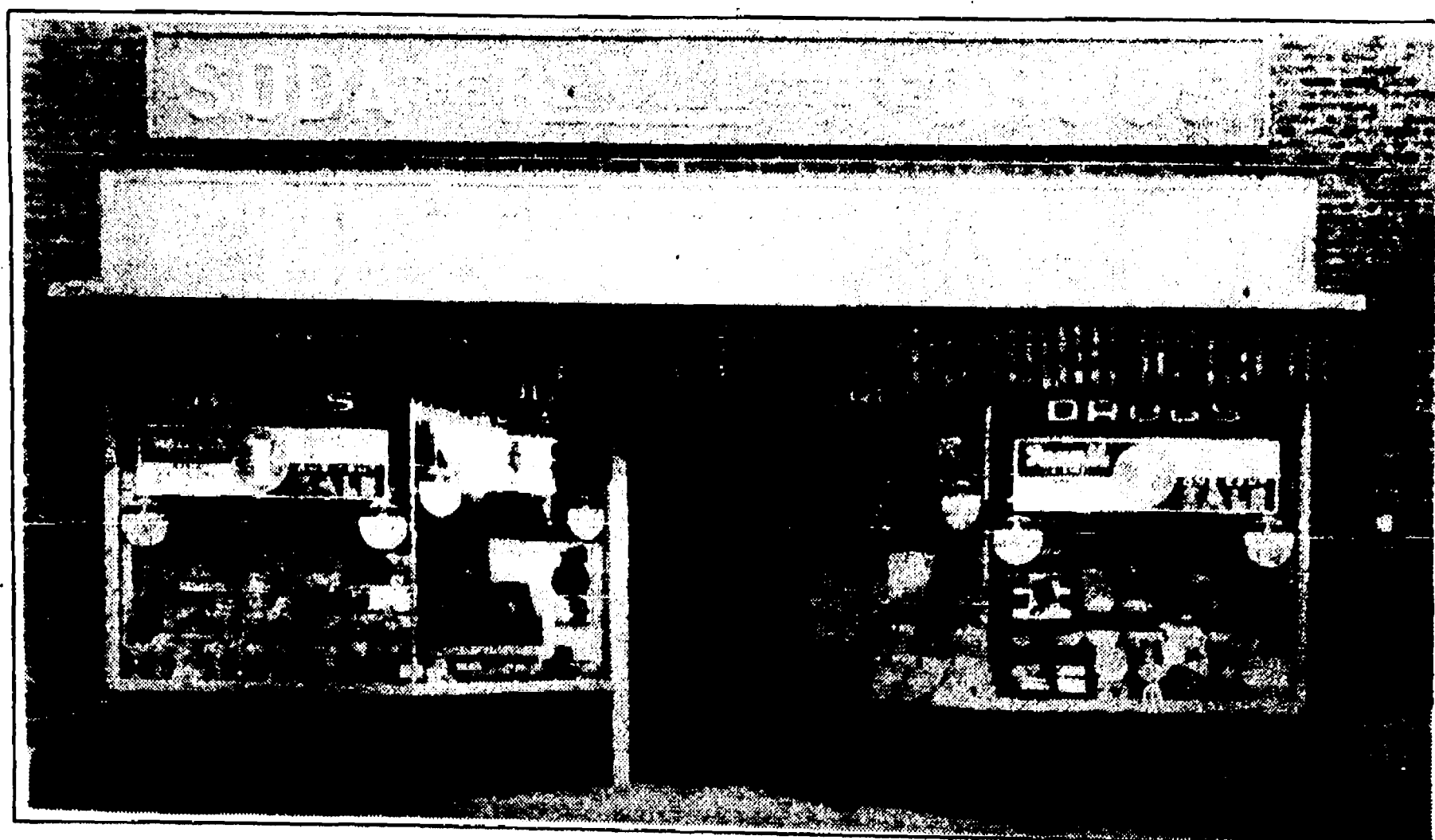
Photo showing the interior of Mac's Drug Store in 1943



Marjorie McNamara (top) and Chuck "Junior" McNamara at the Soda fountain



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Exterior view of Mac's Drug Store around 1943



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Roundhouse Fire

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Payrolls were reported to be between 12 and 15 thousand dollars per month. Since the advent of the larger and more powerful locomotives the Grayling roundhouse and shops were used less and less as the years passed. Of late only a few men were employed and the Railroad Company had been planning to raze the structure and replace it by a smaller one that would take care of their needs.

Saved the Freight Train

Roy Trudgeon and Spike MacNeven say they were the first ones to reach the scene of the fire. There stood a fine large freight locomotive hitched to two freight cars. The locomotive was dead (had no steam) and could not be moved by its own power.

In the yard was a small switch engine, all fired up for use, however the steam pressure was low. Roy said that Engineer Joe Flynn grasped the situation and mounted the engine but couldn't turn the pistons over. "I need more steam," said Joe. Roy and Spike mounted the mogul and Roy shouted to Spike, "fire like hell!" and they in a few seconds had the old tank boiling. Then by rocking the engine forward and back, just as one does an auto stuck in sand or snow, Joe was able to get it started and, with the assistance of Roy and Spike he soon hooked onto the freight engine and its train of two boxcars and hauled them away to safety, according to the stories told by



LOOKING AT THE ROUNDHOUSE — The roundhouse was built and used by the railroad company. Trains could turn around, after dropping items off, at the roundhouse. Prior to being destroyed by fire, the roundhouse was located where the current county courthouse is.

the two self-acclaimed heroes.

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Pa Corwin's Dairy Route - 1922
Charles Barker Commissioned As First Lieutenant - 1918
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Classes Began At Feldhauser School - 1883

Martin Christenson Arrived In Grayling - late 1870s
Recreation Fishing Club Established - 1898
Fire Destroys Roundhouse - 1939



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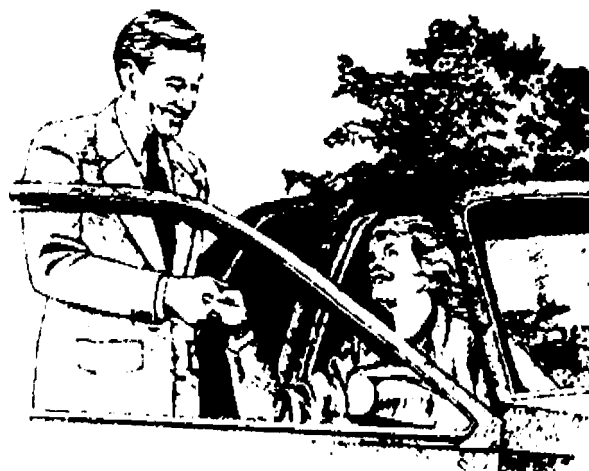
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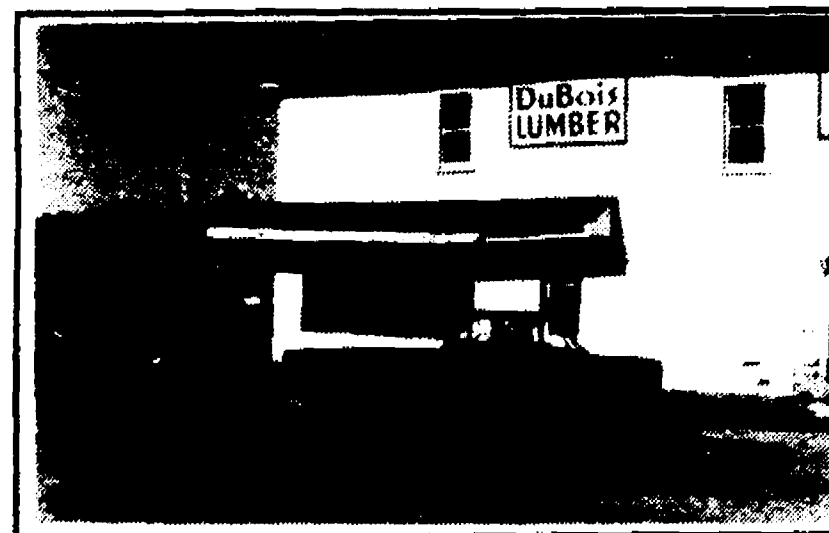
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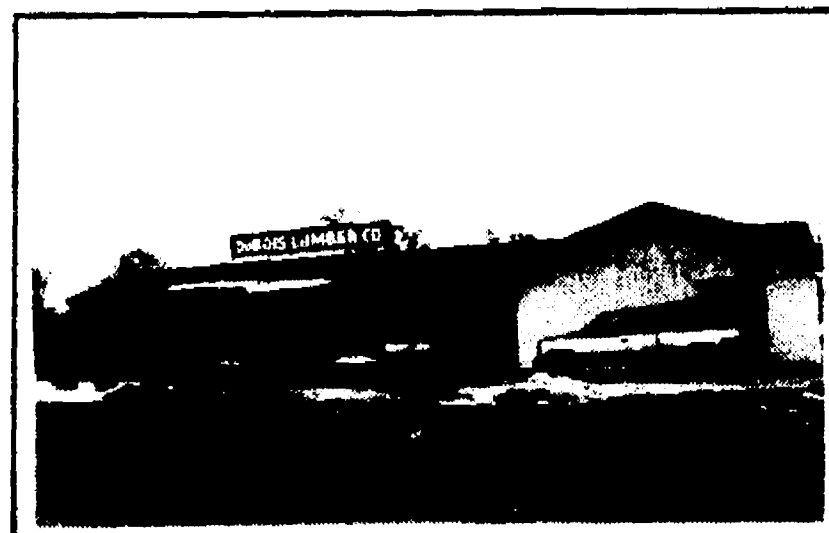
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DuBois Before The Move In 1984



DuBois Present Location

In 1984, Wyman moved one of the storage buildings across Norway Street adjacent to the railroad tracks, built a two story storage building and constructed the new showroom and office complex. This project consolidated the entire DuBois Lumber operation on the south side of Norway Street.

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The Recreation Fishing Club

by Abner C. Sager
Secretary/Treasurer 1946-

This is the story about the Recreation Fishing Club, the oldest club on the AuSable River System. It was established in 1898 when the only mode of travel to Grayling was via train. The fishermen were met in Grayling by a wagon and team of horses to transport them to the club house twelve miles away for a stay of a week or two for fishing.

The home of the club is about a mile upstream from Wakeley Bridge. It was a loggers house on a plateau about 30 feet above the AuSable with a 75-foot high oak and pine covered hill behind it.

Frank Calkins of Gaylord acquired the "SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4" from the state for the sum of \$48.49, tax due for the years 1889 to 1893. He paid \$61.06 during October of 1897 for tax due in 1895 and 1896, and \$10 during December for a survey of the property.

Calkins brought together the original fishermen to form the club. In addition to him, there were C. C. Curtis, C. J. Jarvis, J. A. Trotter and F. W. Wightman from Vassar; R. P. Forbes, J. F. Hum, A. L. Pond and A. Taylor from Grayling; G. W. Smith from Gaylord; and E. Swigert from Cincinnati, Ohio. (It was recently learned that Smith was the original owner of Wilderness Valley Golf Course at Gaylord.)

Bylaws were presented at a meeting held on July 10, 1898 which limited membership to 12 and established a fee of \$30 for new members. The bylaws were adopted after they were amended to change the membership limit to 15. Officers were elected as follows: Frank Calkins, president; John F. Hum, secretary/treasurer; and

Clayton C. Curtis, trustee.

The bylaws stated that "Members of record on May 1, 1898 shall pay the pro rata share of the cost of the land, cottage and furnishings" and "any amount paid in excess of \$20 shall be refunded pro rata out of future memberships." They also stated that an "assessment of \$2 shall be made on each member and the amount paid to the member wishing to retire his membership." The original members paid the sum of \$20 on April 20, 1898 and an additional \$7 on July 10, 1898.

A total of \$386 was paid to Calkins: land, \$71.06; building (loggers house), \$274.46; furnishings, \$40.48. Calkins was also paid \$20 on May 21, 1898 for 20 days labor at the club house.

About 1912, the property purchased was described and recorded as the "W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4." Calkins sold the balance, the E 1/2 to J. B. Dickenson for \$50. It later became the Rainbow Club and is now owned by the Steffes.

Some examples of the tax paid: 1899, \$2.50; 1918, \$50.10; 1919, \$94.70 (present Horak cabin was built — tax share \$4.75); 1921, \$87.15 (present Sager cabin was built — tax share \$17.43, Horak cabin — tax share \$13.06); 1926, \$122.91 (present Cook cabin was built in 1923 — tax share for each cabin was 15 percent, \$18.40). The tax on the 20 acres in 1985 was \$4,863.99.

Approval was given in 1948 for the Asline and Longworth homes. The Longworth home was destroyed by fire on April 23, 1975. The large garage was converted into a home and is presently owned by James Dye (1992 — Hendrickson and Larson).

Strict regulations govern the ownership of a home. Modifications may be made on the present buildings under certain conditions. They may not be rented or used by other than members of the Club, except that families may use them even though the member is not present. Cabins may only be sold or transferred to members of the club, which greatly restricts the value and sale of a cabin. Home owners do not acquire any special ownership of the property.

Sager was brought to the club for the first time in 1925 by Ernst Reichle, his boss. He knew, fished with and listened to the stories told by some of the old timers. Evelyn and he moved to his cabin on the property in 1972. Vic Garbutt, a doctor in Detroit and a member from 1913 until 1944, was the original owner of his cabin.

Other old time members from Saginaw who were well known are Mark Brown, 1899-1939; Hi Savage, Guy Garber, Theodore Huss, Tom Tonks, Ed Peters, Alex Reid, Al Alderton, Charles Carlisle and Paul Dye. Marius Hanson of Grayling was a member from 1917 until 1932. Garber and Reid later established homes on the North Branch.

The club has never had a caretaker. all members are expected to help with the care and maintenance of the property. The House and Grounds Committee is most important. There always seems to be three or four members who see what is necessary, are capable and do the major jobs. One such member was Ernst Reichle. He became a member in 1923 and was made an honorary member in 1957 when his health failed. His handiwork has been apparent in many ways over the years.

The first well point was driven and a hand pump installed in 1911. A pipe was driven into a

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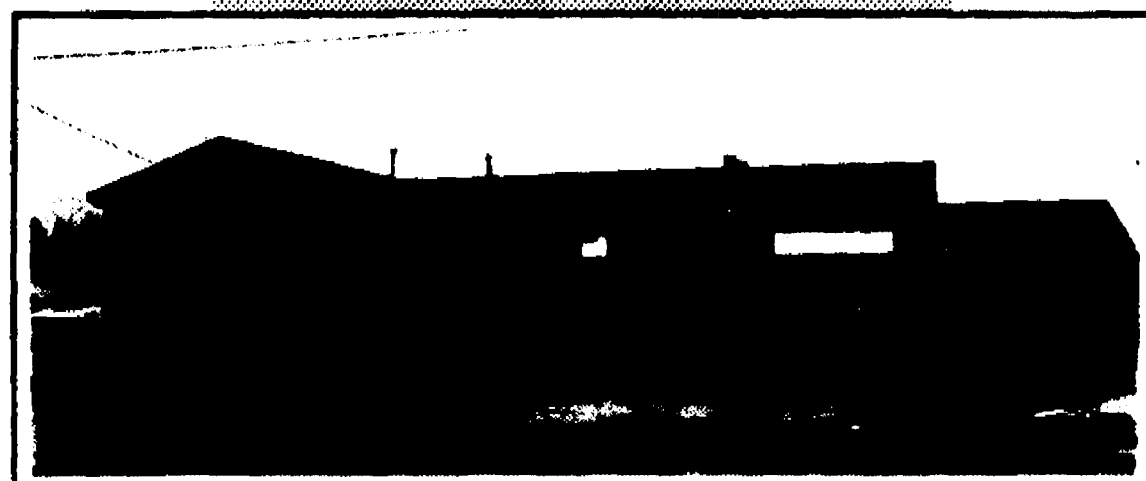
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The purpose of the club is basically the same. A condition of membership when the first bylaws were adopted and printed in 1898 was: "This Club being organized for pleasure, and as this

In the late 1930s, I recall 12 to 15 members would sit down to breakfast on the second day of the season and the cook would bring in two platters heaped with trout caught on the previous day, and that was just a starter. The limit at that time was 15 trout. The usual practice was to put

A gruff voice said: "Co'mere kid," and the kid came, scared stiff, "Gimme that rod." He clipped off the dropper fly, flicked the rod a few times and said, "A guy can have enough trouble with one fly — you don't need two. Now go on and catch trout."

The following interesting historical sketch on the Feldhauser School was prepared and written by Mrs. Arthur (Mary) Wakeley. For more than 60 years this fine school has been useful in educating the boys and girls in that district.

Even in our trouble times, when history of importance is being made daily, some of us enjoy looking back to the past of our own locality.

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Feldhauser School

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In reviewing the local history of the Down River Neighborhood, it has been found, to the surprise of many, that the Feldhauser Schoolhouse is one of Crawford County's oldest landmarks. It passed the half-century mark of school operation and continued its teaching ways until the school doors were closed.

Before going on into the story, it will be of interest to go back a bit and tell a little about the pioneers who settled near and founded the district.

According to records, the railroad was built into Grayling during the summer of 1873. Soon after this, settlers began coming to the new country. Most of them homesteaded and started to farm in the summer, and do lumbering during the winter.

In 1881 and 1882, the newcomers included Feldhausers, Schreibers, Aebli, Niederers, Strutzenburgs, Hoeslis, Poetzkes and others. All of these families settled on the north side of the AuSable River in what was then known as Grove Township.

Members of the Schreiber and Feldhauser families told people that their parents came together from the railroad station in a wagon drawn by horses.

The Hugo Schreibers had two children — Pauline, four-years old, and Hugo, Jr., one-year old. The Henry Feldhausers also had two children — Henry, Jr., four-years old, and William, a baby. These two families made their homes near to each other and were life-long neighbors.

A half-mile east of Feldhauser's home was the John Niederer homestead. To the north and east of it, were the Strutzenburg's and Poetzke's, also Fred Hoelsli's. North of Niederer's place was the Peter Aebli home. To the south and east of Niederer's and close by was the Fautley property. A few of these old homesteads were deserted years ago, and have good timber stands of second growth which are now owned by the State of Michigan.

As soon as these pioneers were well settled, they had a post office established in the home of John Niederer. It was named Appenzell, which was the name of a town in Niederer's native Switzerland. The mail was carried from Grayling to Appenzell by Louis Strutzenburg.

Later the post office was moved to the Schreiber home. The name was then changed to Sigsbee in honor of a naval officer of the Spanish-American War. It remained there until January, 1928, when the office was discontinued in favor of the free delivery of a Star Route.

By 1883 the child population had increased to 10, and the parents were



"OLDSCHOOL" — This old photo shows that the basic frame work of the Feldhauser School didn't change much over the more than 60 years of use. In addition to teaching the children in the area, the Feldhauser School also was used for community events in years past.

becoming concerned about schooling for the children. There was no school near by and no organized school district, but they set about the task of organization, and all that went with it.

The records show that a meeting of the taxpayers was held in the evening of Sept. 22, 1883, to elect officers, raise money, and to decide on the site for a schoolhouse.

Henry Feldhauser was elected moderator; Louis Strutzenburg, director; and Fred Hoesli, assessor. They voted to raise the sum of \$195 by taxation — \$100 was for teacher's wages, \$80 for building, \$5 for fuel and \$10 for incidental expenses. All this for a four-month term of school.

It was voted to hire a teacher and begin school in an upstairs room of the log home of the Feldhausers. John Niederer offered to give the district a lease to a two-acre plot in the southeast corner of Sec. 34, Town 27 R. 2 W. This was to be used as a site for the schoolhouse. This plot was very close to Niederer's own house.



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It was decided to accept this offer, and plans for a building were made. It was voted to spend \$100 for a log schoolhouse, but Henry Feldhauser took the job for \$93 and was to have it finished in time for a spring term of school. Feldhauser and Strutzenburg took the job of delivering the wood, five cords of dry and five cords of green, for 50 cents a cord.

The men were soon busy and made a few desks and benches for the schoolroom. These were made of rough lumber, smoothed a bit with a hand plane. The legs of the benches were poles driven into holes bored in the planks. The stove

must have been donated for the expense sheet shows only pipes and elbow being bought that first year.

School began on Nov. 5, 1883, with Mrs. Annie Hankinson as the teacher. The census sheet listed 10 pupils, but not all attended school the first winter. The list included the names of Amelia Aebli, age 10; Henry Feldhauser, 8; Willie Feldhauser, 5; Pauline Schreiber, 8; Hugo Schreiber, 5; Maggie Hoesli, 12; Millie Hoesli, 10; Fritz Hoesli, 6; Daniel Hoesli, 8; and Minnie Aebli, 5.

By the spring of 1884, the log school had been

completed and the spring term began in it on May 12. This term was for two months, and Mrs. Hankinson was again the teacher. It seems that all the pupils of the district were then in attendance.

Mrs. Hankinson's first term must have been a success, for her salary was raised from \$25 to \$30 for her second term.

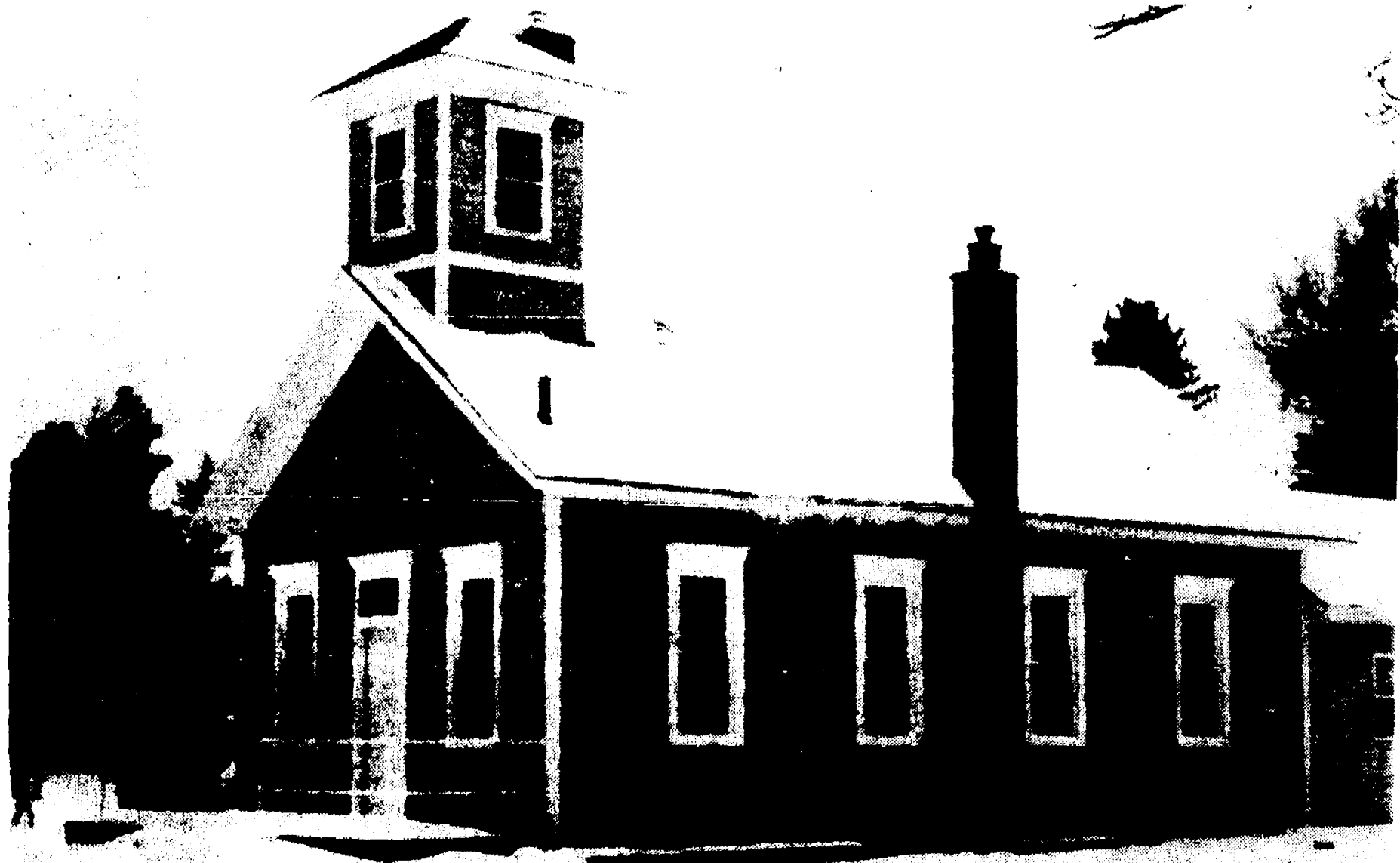
The 1884-1885 school year was also divided into two terms, a spring and a fall. Both were taught by a man named Thomas Lound. He lived on the south side of the AuSable and east of the Stephan settlement, and walked to and from his school daily.

The home-made furniture must have been in use until May 8, 1886, as there is no record of any furniture being purchased before that time. On that date an order was drawn for \$75.75 for furniture. It was drawn in favor of the Union School Furniture Company.

Mrs. Edmonds recalled the fun the pupils had with the old benches. She said that considerable racket could be made by a child's doing a little forward and backward tipping of the bench; better — if two children shared the same bench and in the tipping. She can recall her own experience in this. She tipped too far backward and fell off the bench, making quite a commotion in the little room.


A school bell was purchased on Jan. 3, 1885. The cost was \$5. This same bell was used to call youngsters to their studies some 60 years later.

Though the log building with its new furniture was quite comfortable, it was not what the citizens wanted in the way of a school. At each annual meeting a sum of money had been set aside in a building fund, until by March, 1899, there was a sum of \$345.



THE SCHOOL TODAY — The Feldhauser School has been renovated since it closed its doors, but the basic frame survives today. The former school building is now owned by Crawford County Building and Zoning Director Joseph Duran.

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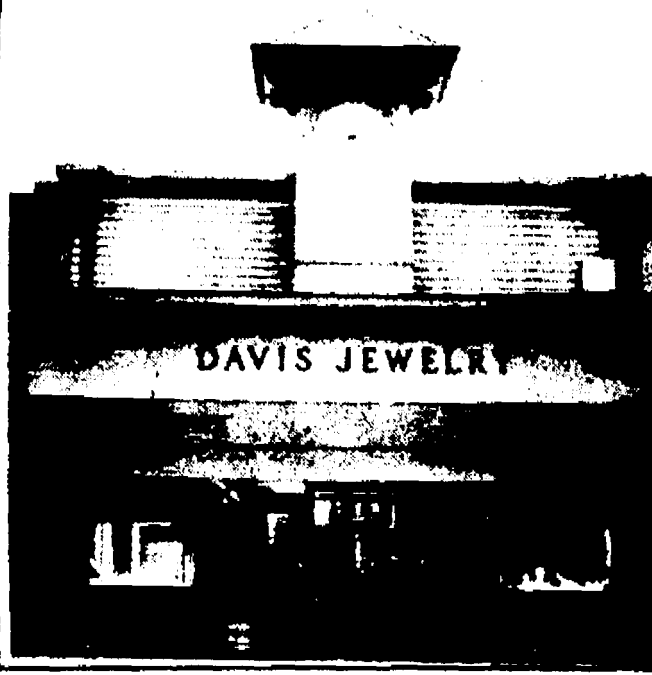
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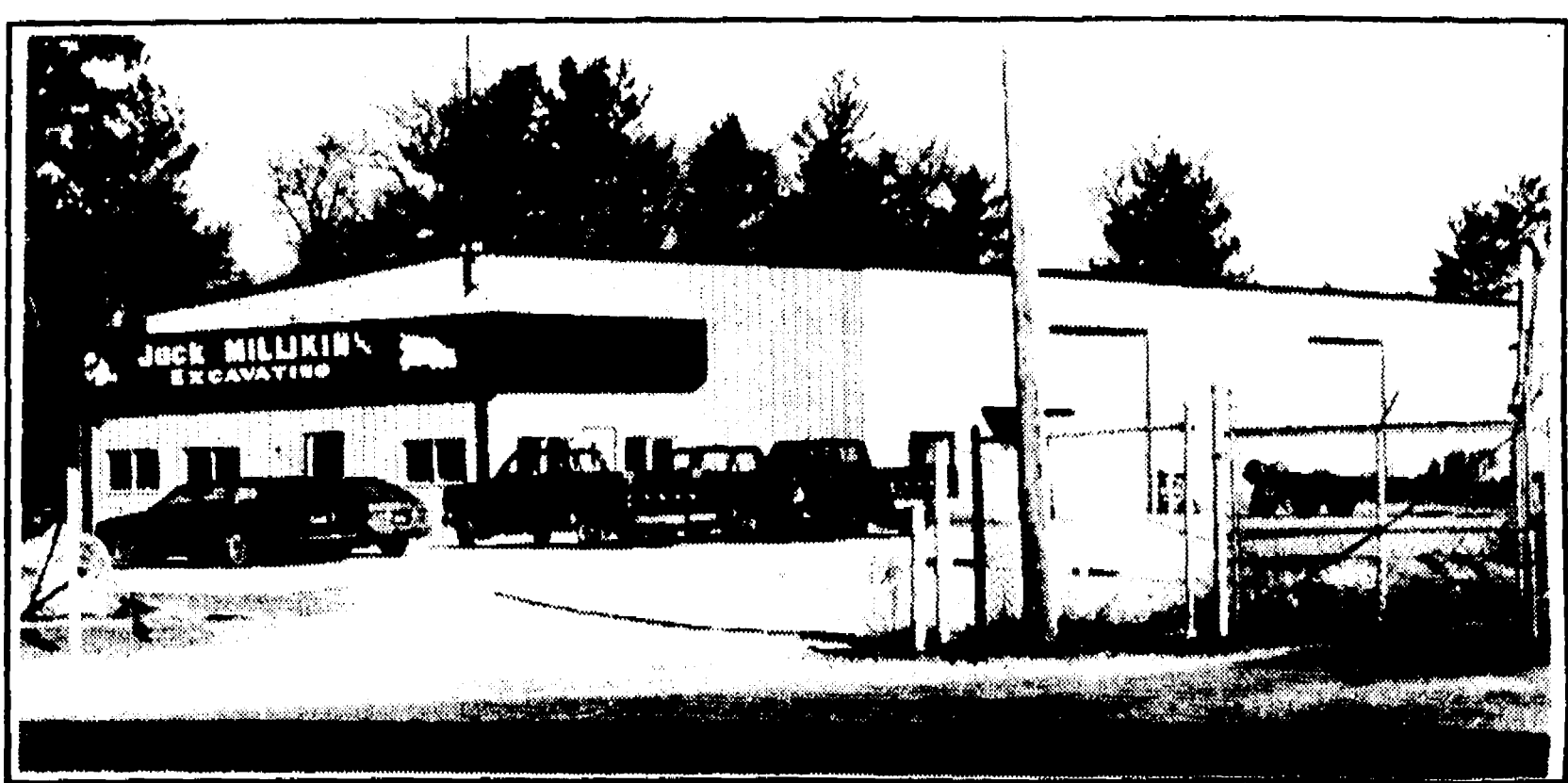
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Feldhauser School

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A meeting was called and it was voted to bond the district for \$300 for three years, so that a new building might be had. Plans were laid before the board and bids made. It was decided to erect a building 20-feet by 36-feet in size and according to a plan furnished by John Niederer, this was to be built on the same plot of land and beside the old school.

John Niederer made a bid to furnish the material and do all the building for \$785. His bid was accepted and a contract drawn up and signed.

An interesting fact about these meetings is that the polls were always open two and three hours, and the total number of votes cast was usually six. Everything was done very formally.

The new building was completed on July, 1890. The log one was then sold to Charles Fautley for \$15. He, not having ready cash, gave his note for that amount for four months. He moved the log building across the corner to his homestead and it is believed it was added to and used for a house.

School began in the new building on Oct. 24, 1890, with Ulysses G. Morton as the teacher. HE was a very young man from the southern part of Michigan. His term was for four months and he was paid \$35 per month. There were 16 pupils by that time.

One of the pupils, Pauline Schreiber, later became Mrs. Rufus Edmonds and was a Feldhauser teacher. The census list in 1890 included the following names: Amelia Aebli, age 17; Minnie Aebli, 11; Nettie Aebli, 6; Henry Feldhauser, 14; Eddy Feldhauser; Rudolph Feldhauser, 6; Robert Feldhauser, 6; William Feldhauser, 11; Millie Hoesli, 16; Dan Hoesli, 14; Frederick Hoesli, 11; Dora Hoesli, 7; Pauline Schreiber, 14; Hugo Schreiber, 11; William

Schreiber, 8; and George Schreiber.

One rather amusing happening was concerning the school bell. When the school was completed, the bell had to be removed from the old structure and put up in the belfry. It must have been quite a task. It's a heavy bell. However, Fred Hoesli did it, and was paid \$1. It would cost many times that amount to have a job like that done in these days.

In 1893, Miss Pauline Schreiber was engaged to teach the school and did so for three terms. Her salary was \$28 per month for the winter terms and \$26 per month for spring terms.

In 1920 and 1921, Wakeley and Stephan districts consolidated with Feldhauser district. This was for economic reasons. By this arrangement the census increased, until by the late 1920s and early 1930s there were about 36 pupils enrolled.

About 1934 several changes were made in the building. A fine, new full-size basement was made under it, a new chimney and modern furnace were put in, and other improvements made.

By 1936 the enrollment was so large that it was decided it would be an advantage to the pupils to transport the seventh and eighth grades to Grayling School. The district bought a bus and did that very thing, also providing transportation for the district's older children from their homes to Grayling High School.

Many persons have held school offices in the district, but the names of Hugo Schreiber as director and Henry Feldhauser as moderator are on the records more times than any others.

Other interesting facts about the Feldhauser School include the fact that the number of teachers that taught during the more than 60 years of operation came to a total of 52. The teacher who had the longest tenure as a school instructor was Mary Wakeley. She taught for a total of 13 years.

Another record not made by many teachers is

Feldhauser School Census for 1883

Amelia Aebli
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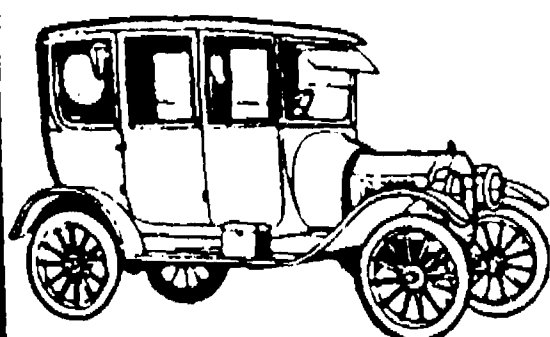
that of Pauline Edmonds, who taught her first school in the Feldhauser building in 1893 and 1894 at 16 years of age. She taught again at the Feldhauser School in 1943 and 1944 — a period of 50 years between.

Mrs. Edmonds also got her grade schooling in this school and high school education in the Grayling and Bay City high schools. She also took a short course in Bay City Business College.

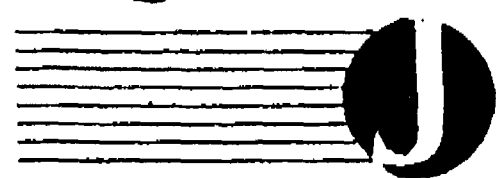
One of the major difficulties encountered by teachers of that time was the fact that all the original pupils could not even speak English when they first came to school. Also, the school officials had only recently emigrated from Europe and had their difficulties with this language and keeping the district records — but which are today evidence of their determination to do a good job.

During the years the Feldhauser School building has been of great service to the community. It was used not only for school, but for social gatherings, a place of worship, and, occasionally, for important business meetings.

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Grayling dairy farmer remembered for starting route

by Lisa Hofman
Staff Reporter

Charles Wesley (Pa) Corwin is remembered for establishing the first dairy route in Grayling in 1922.

Corwin accompanied his parents - Amos, a Civil War veteran, and Sarah Jane Corwin - to Crawford County at the age of six. Corwin was the youngest son of nine children.

The family settled on a farm on Four Mile Road in Grayling Township. Corwin spent the rest of his life on that farm.

Corwin was born April 12, 1883, in Denton, Wayne County, Michigan. He married Carrah Ellen Barber February 26, 1908, in Grayling. Together they reared six sons and one daughter.

She died March 21, 1946, after a three-year illness. Pa Corwin then married Myrtle Robinson in June 1947.

"He and his wife loved to square dance," Clara Sorenson said. "There wasn't a square dance anywhere that they would miss."

Corwin operated his Oak Grove Dairy, located 10 miles southeast of Grayling, from 1922 to 1942. He delivered fresh milk every morning to the residents of Grayling. According to granddaughter Dorothy Duff, Corwin always left milk if a family had children even if the family could not pay him for the milk.

After retiring from the dairy he continued to raise crops

for a number of years and raised a truck garden every year. While the dairy was in operation Corwin used his sizeable garden to grow the feed for his animals. However, at times Corwin had to purchase some of the feed.

Corwin continued to live on the 160-acre farm until the winter of 1966 when he moved into an apartment on Ionia Street for the cold weather months.

"As children, if we wanted to go for a sleigh or hay ride, the Corwin farm was the place to go," said Sorenson.

Corwin was a 65-year honorary member of the Crawford Grange and had been a member of its legislative committee since 1959. He also held the office of Assistant Steward and Overseer and was the business agent for the Grange Insurance Company.

Despite having one lame arm he could still milk cows faster than his sons, as well as carry and open 100-pound feed bags with ease. "He could do more with only one good arm, than most could do with two," Duff said.

According to Duff, it is not known exactly how Corwin's arm became crippled. "I heard he broke it falling out of a



Bud, Everett, J.D., Ma and Pa Corwin

high chair, but an aunt thought his arm was dislocated when he was born," Duff said.

The Oak Grove Dairy was recently awarded a Michigan Centennial Farm plaque because the same family has owned the farm for over 100 years.

Barber was Hillsdale's oldest living graduate

by Lisa Hofman
Staff Reporter

Charles Philip Barber, formerly of Frederic, was Hillsdale College's oldest living graduate until his death on May 12, 1996.

Barber was born in Frederic, on May 20, 1890. He entered Hillsdale College in 1909 and attended until 1910.

He re-entered the school in 1915 and Barber graduated from Hillsdale in 1917 with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

While at the college he was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

He graduated after taking numerous classes in rhetoric, history, religious education and biology.

To earn his degree he completed his last seven

hours of study through officers training camp at Fort Sheridan.

Barber was the first man from Hillsdale College and Hillsdale County to volunteer for duty in World War I.

In 1918 he was commissioned as a first lieutenant and discharged in 1919. He also served during World War II as a correspondent and later as a magazine editor.

In fact, Barber was the former managing editor of *Parade* magazine.

Barber, 105, was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on May 21, 1996, with full military honors, including a color Guard, a military band and a horse-drawn caisson.

Barber was buried next to his wife, Nancy, who died in 1968.



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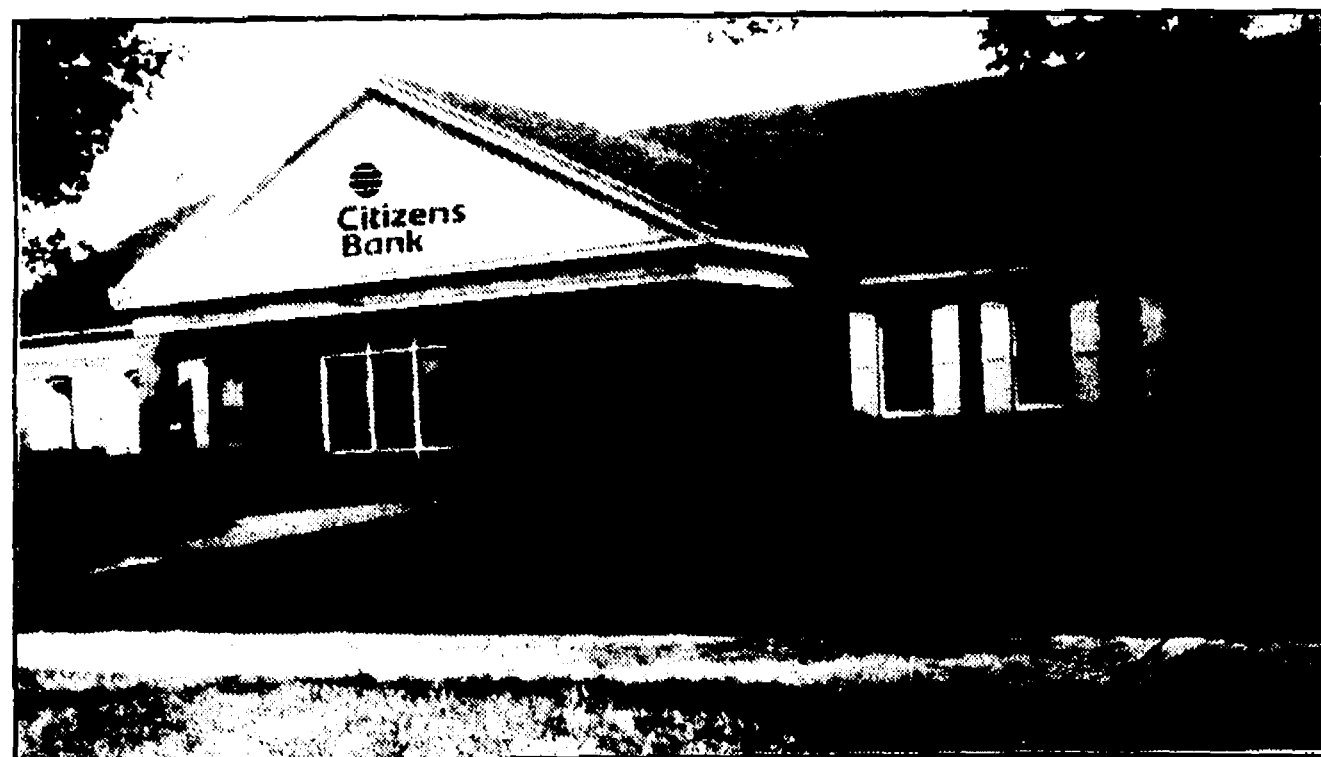


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Scheer Motors: 32 Years of Automotive History in Grayling

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As son Brad Scheer tells the story, Bill was looking for a dealership in Michigan or Ohio during the year 1965. The Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Cadillac dealership in Grayling, located on the present site of the Rite-Aid Pharmacy, was owned by Mr. Dick Dodge. At that time, there was a Buick dealership in Grayling, and also one for Pontiac, but none for Chrysler. Bill purchased the dealership from Mr. Dodge during that year.



In 1969, Bill Scheer Chevrolet used this parking lot on the I-75 Business Loop. Spike's is in the background.

In 1971, Bill was joined by a partner, Mr. John Harland. Together they engineered the addition of Buick, Pontiac and Jeep, making Scheer Motors Michigan's only

full-line GM dealership, and one of only a few such dealerships in the entire country. They also erected the current building that houses Scheer Motor's GM showroom and all the mechanical service. At that time, all body repairs were also done in this building.

In 1974, John Harland sold his interest in the business to Bill. That same year, Brad graduated from CMU with his business degree and returned to Grayling. He was hired as a salesperson and continued in that capacity throughout the 70s. During the 80s, John Scheer, Brad's brother, also joined the team, as did sister Laurie. Together, with Bill as their mentor, they were successful in adding the complete line of Chrysler, Plymouth and Dodge to the GM lineup.

Brad said that accepting the Chrysler line was a gamble at the time, because the recession did not appear to be over, and also Chrysler Corporation was in financial trouble. As part of the agreement, Scheer Motors was to build a separate sales facility to display Chrysler products. The recession had made it necessary to drop the Jeep line in the very early 1980s.

In 1985, the new Chrysler sales facility was built. Brad commented that the new building gave the business the opportunity to work out some inefficiencies. He noted that when the dealership was selling 30 to 40 cars and trucks per month, one wash stall was enough, but when they began approaching 90 to 100 units per month, it was not satisfactory. They eliminated the body shop from the original building and added it to the new Chrysler facility. The space in the original building was transformed into a large washroom for new car preparation and used car reconditioning.

At this time, Bill went into semi-retirement and he and his wife Phyllis began spending their winters in Florida, and their summers in Grayling. During the next several years, John Scheer also moved to Florida and went into the real estate business. Bill has now completely retired and he and Phyllis are enjoying good health. Laurie is with the dealership as an auto and truck sales representative. Brad says that one of the proud points his father likes to emphasize is that the company began with eight employees and now there are 38.

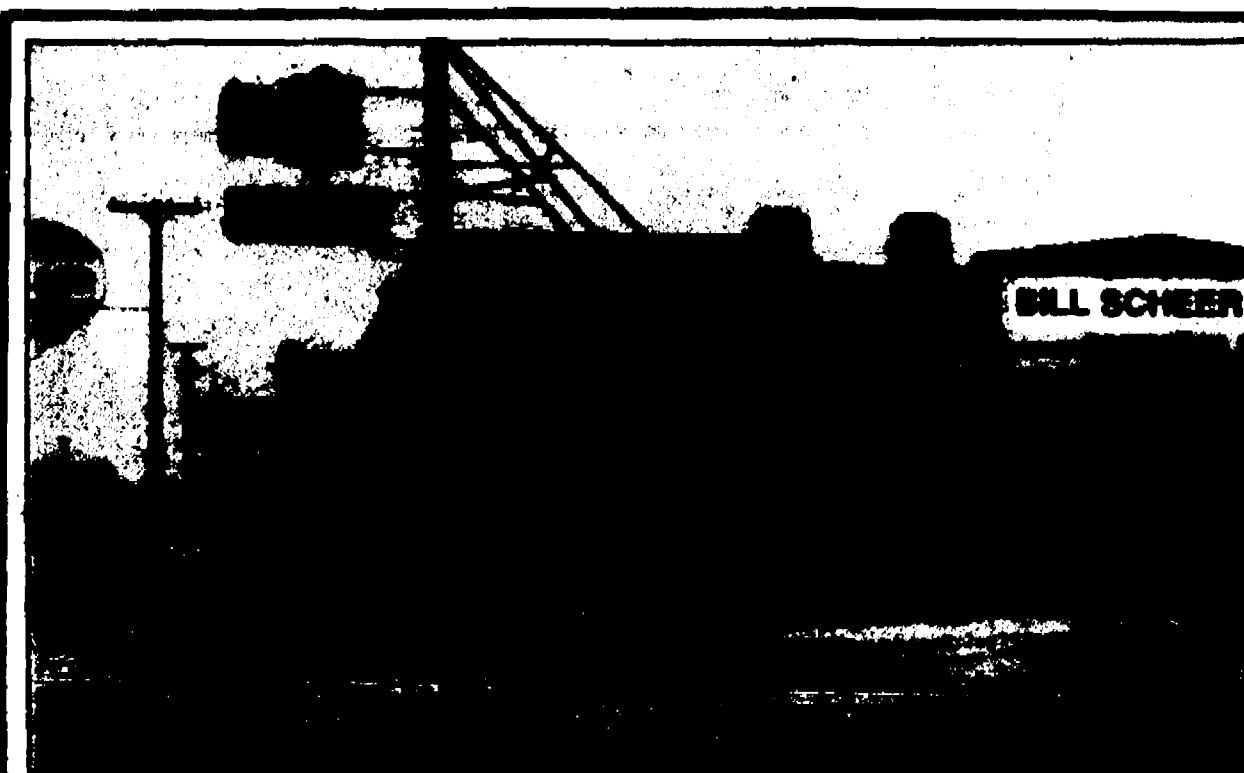
Scheer Motors Body Shop was doubled in size in a recently-completed project that also saw the addition of an ultra-modern downdraft paint spraybooth and vehicle prep station and paint mixing room. Also, a large parcel of land directly east of the Chrysler vehicle storage lot has been cleared for paving which will more than double the number of vehicles for display there. The mechanical service department in the GM building also has been recently expanded with additional plans being studied for an even larger service area. The exterior of the main building will

get a facelift this summer.

There have been many changes in the automobile business in recent years. Scheer Motors is now fully computerized with the latest state-of-the-art equipment. Mail between the dealership and the automakers is almost non-existent with the modern electronic mail of today. Electronics and on-board computers are continuing to play a very large part.

With both the GM and Chrysler lines a large inventory is necessary and the Scheer Motors lots hold well over 3 million dollars worth of vehicles. The yearly employee payroll is approaching 1 million dollars per year.

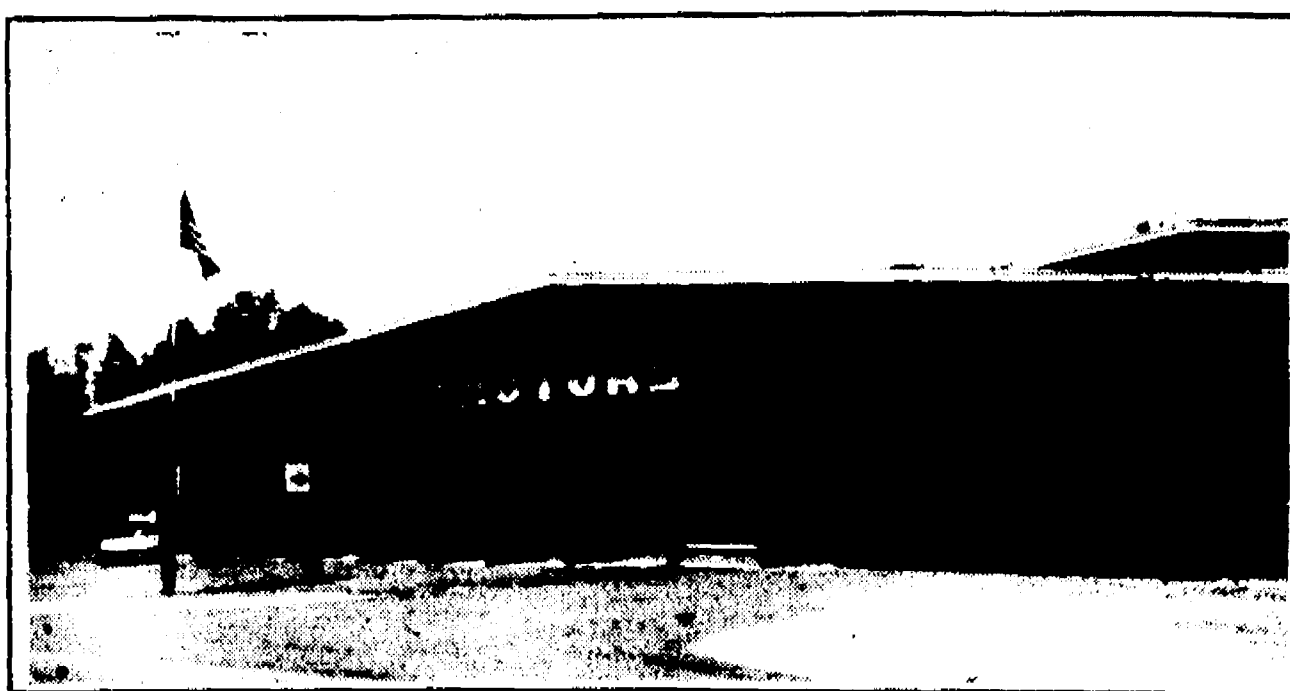
Whatever the future may bring, one has the impression when spending time observing the comings and goings at Scheer Motors that it is a very busy concern, using modern methods and tools to serve its customers in the ever-changing automobile business.



The original location of Scheer Motors, purchased from Dick Dodge in 1965. Rite-Aid Pharmacy now occupies this site.



Chrysler, Plymouth and Dodge were added to the dealership in the 1980s



The present Scheer Motors, featuring a full line of GM cars, trucks and vans.